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PC Tony Stamp - aka actor Graham Cole - will be at Farming World on Saturday to officially open the

conservation and bird rearing room at the popular attraction.

And on display at the venue will be the likes of these baby owls (pictured), goshawks and kestrels.

Mr Cole will unveil the new facility at 12.30pm.

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### BY NICK AMES

POLICE have slammed vandals who cut through power cables plunging homes into darkness and putting both their own and the lives of others at risk.

In both incidents high voltage electric cables came crashing to the ground after wooden poles holding them aloft were cut through.

It is not believed anyone was injured during the incidents but police are warning the vandals' actions could have left them in serious

Other people could also be at risk if they approach damaged equipment which is still con-

nected to mains supplies.

In the latest incident more than 1,100 homes were left without power on Friday when a wooden supporting pole near the A2 London Road junction with Western Link, near Ospringe, was cut down causing the cables to collapse.

Power went off at 2.25am but by 6.12am all but 22 homes were back on line. They received power at 4.05pm after engineers from power company EDF Energy worked non-stop on emergency repairs.

emergency repairs.

On May 15 a similar incident took place in the same section of the overhead network.

Then, two poles were cut down in a field causing power loss to 565 homes at 9.21pm. The majority of these addresses had supplies restored by 10.46pm

Police said they were determined to catch the "mindless" culprits.

Sgt Dave Smith said: "This act of mindless criminal damage will not be tolerated.
"Not only were the offenders putting them-

selves at risk but they also caused disruption to

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# Star spreads his wings to open centre



**UP CLOSE:** Goshawks are among the birds of prey that can be seen at Farming World in Boughton

### BY GARETH ARNOLD

A NEW rearing room and conservation centre in Boughton will allow visitors to get up close to some of Britain's most iconic predators.

Hawklands Birds of Prey Centre at Farming World opens the room this weekend with actor Graham Cole, who plays PC Tony Stamp in ITV's popular police series The Bill, attending the official ceremony on Saturday.

Falconer Sharon Hollens said: "As the name suggests there are two main purposes of the new room, one of which is the rearing of baby birds. "The room has been designed to

allow a safe environment for the birds to develop and for visitors to see the growth of the babies."

Visitors will even be able to handle

Visitors will even be able to handle the latest additions to the centre – a clutch of baby owls – as part of the domestication and training process. Mrs Hollens said: "With owls the

Mrs Hollens said: "With owls the more they are handled at a young age, the easier it is to train them.

"From an education point of view, we've found that children learn better if you can offer them a hands-on experience like we have here."

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There is also a viewing window into the room which houses European eagle owls, a five-week-old barn owl, and chaco owl, along with young goshawks and kestrels.

Visitors can also enjoy a rare opportunity to watch live CCTV footage of a pair of Harris hawks who are rearing three young.

The other purpose of the room is to

The other purpose of the room is to highlight the conservation work done by the centre.

The centre is committed to helping to preserve birds within their natural environments and has been involved in work at Chetney Marsh near the Isle of Sheppey.

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The room provides further details about how the public can become involved in projects such as this by erecting owl boxes.

Birds of prey flying demonstrations are also held at Farming World twice a day on most days of the week, and the farm's next 'Have a Go' falconry day is scheduled for August 8.

The official opening of the new conservation and rearing room is at 12.30pm.

### Power company will prosecute offenders

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residents by cutting off the local power supply. Police are determined to catch the culprits and anyone with information should call us."

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Security manager for EDF David Shepherd said: "Tampering with live high voltage power lines is incredibly dangerous and these vandals could have paid with their lives.

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"They not only risked their own lives but recklessly endangered others and jeopardised local power supplies.

"We are working closely with all the

"We are working closely with all the relevant authorities to tackle incidents such as these. We will also press for the prosecution of anyone caught tampering with our network." He added that if anyone sees any-

He added that if anyone sees anything suspicious including activity around overhead power lines or a break in at a substation they should call 0800 096 9960 to speak to EDF Energy or call the police.

The local police station is on 01795 419182 or Crimestoppers can be called on 0800 555 111.

### Creek exhibition to open to visitors

AN EXHIBITION detailing the vision for the future of the town's waterfront is open to the public later this month. The Baltic House Visitor Centre is

The Baltic House Visitor Centre is home to Faversham Creek Vision 2008 which shows how it could be developed to meet future needs of commercial and leisure vessels.

It will open its doors on Sunday, June 15, from 11am until 3pm and be open every Sunday until the end of September.

### **Marlowe Society celebrates father**

A SOCIETY which celebrates the life of playwright Christopher Marlowe is taking over the Guildhall in Fayersham on Saturday.

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The Marlowe Society normally holds its annual commemoration day in Canterbury but this year the venue has been changed to recognise the fact that Marlowe's father came from Ospringe

Ospringe.

The day begins with a look at antisemitism in the 16th century with references to Marlowe's The Jew of Malta.

There will also be museum visits and other talks on literature during the day.

### Last week...

APOLOGIES to readers left somewhat confused with last week's page three of Yourswale. A production error saw the page from the Faversham paper replaced with that of our Sittingbourne edition.



# Labour shortage puts fruit crops in danger

BY NICK AMES

STRAWBERRIES could be left rotting in the earth as there are not enough workers to harvest them, farmers are warning.

The picking season is in full swing but a lack of labour is causing concern that some of this year's crop may never leave the ground.

A change in the rules on migrant workers is behind the problem which has hit businesses including Langdon Manor Farm, Faversham. Owner Alistair Brook has traditionally relied

on a large seasonal workforce from countries such as Poland and Lithuania to help pick his

But this year he said many of the workers have stayed at home.

"If things don't improve, we'll not be able to harvest all our fruit, and if that continues across the whole economy, there will be food shortages," says Mr Brook.

British Summer Fruit, which regulates the industry, believes that the problem is getting so bad that supermarkets will be forced to import strawberries from California.

The labour shortage is caused by the declining value of the pound and the improving eco-nomic prospects in countries from which many of the workers have traditionally come.

Patryk Ullrich from Poland has been coming to the UK for two years, but says that his stronger national economy means Kent is not the attraction it once was.

"At home our economy is getting better and better, the minimum wage has gone up and we have started building more," he says.

"Many of my friends have decided to return to Poland because the wages are better over



**TRADITION:** The lack of seasonal immigrant workers is putting fruit crops, including strawberries, at risk of rotting on the ground

Workers have been paid about £5.53 an hour as a basic wage, with the ability to earn more the faster they work. One worker said she expected to earn up to £3,000 during a sixmonth stint in the UK.

This year, the government has allowed 16,250 workers from Bulgaria and Romania through the Seasonal Agricultural Workers' Scheme but this is not enough to cover the shortfall.

Chairman of the Kent branch of the National

Farmers' Union, Kevin Attwood, who lives at Downcourt Farm, Doddington, said: "It is because of the immigration policy adopted by the Government. Something needs to be done as it is hitting our source of local labour.

"The quota system means that a lot of people

who would like to come here and work and come from a background of agricultural employment in their own countries are not able

### **Group strikes** out for cancer

YOUNG footballers from Faversham Strike Force took time away from trainstrike Force work time away from training and summer tournaments for a sponsored walk last week.

Eleven squad members, all aged under 11, and four adults walked the entire

length of a route laid out as part of the Faversham Area Walking Project to raise money for the Bobby Moore Fund.

They walked from Faversham town to Davington, Oare and Luddenham before returning via Harty Ferry.

An estimated £250 was raised which

will go to research into bowel cancer.

Coach Lee Suter said: "It is important

for the group's social and team development that we get involved in these activities as it provides as sense of achievement and togetherness.
"To raise money for such a football icon

and a great cause was an excellent inspiration to the group.

To get involved with Faversham Strike Force as a volunteer or player contact manger Gary Axford on garyax-fordafc1966@tiscali.co.uk.



### **Charity trio** keep on and on and on...

THREE intrepid fundraisers decided to run from Teynham to Faversham and back for charity but when they got there thought it

but when they got there thought it wasn't far enough so they ran on.
On Sunday, friends Justine Bolton, 34, Natalia King, 35 and Nichola Anthony, 42, kept going until they reached Sittingbourne.
They were raising cash for the Malcolm Sargent CLIC fund in memory of three-year-old Adam

memory of three-year-old Adam White who died last year from a rare cancer.

So far the girls have pledges of £1,200 but Justine Bolton hopes they can raise more for the chari-

She said: "We ran last year and raised money for young Adam while he was alive and we decided we would run again in his memo

ry.

"We got to Teynham really quickly so we thought we can't turn back now so we kept going all the way to Sittingbourne."
By running to Sittingbourne

they added an extra eight miles to their 12-mile jog.

They hope to hand the cheque over to Adam's parents at a fundraising party at Abbey School, Faversham, on June 20.

# Clash of the morris men is set to spark a real song and dance

A MORRIS dancing spectacular takes place this evening (Wednesday) bringing together two of the country's top teams at a historic country pub along the Faversham to Ashford road.
Whitstable-based Dead Horse Morris and the East Kent Morris

Men from Ashford will be joining for an evening of dancing at the Flying Horse in Boughton Aluph from

8pm.
The form of dancing dates back at least 500 years and involves white costumes, bells and sticks – or, in the past, swords.

It is one of the few dance forms to be associated solely with England even though the USA has more than 150 groups and the name itself is thought to derive from the term

The pub, which is by the village green about three miles from Ashford, makes an appropriate set-ting for this folk custom, and the two sides' contrasting styles will make it an interesting occasion for

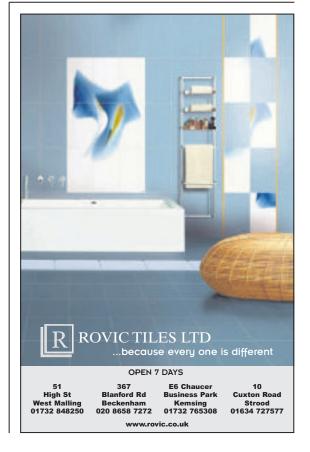


casual spectators as well as for mor-

East Kent is a "bells and hankies" side in the style usually associated in the public mind with morris dancing, while Dead Horse has a reputation for great singing as well

as stirring dancing.

Malcolm Triggs, who dances with both sides, said: "This is one of our most enjoyable stands of the year as the combination of two very different styles, a great English pub and some excellent music makes for a great evening. We've had good crowds in the past and we hope to see lots of people there again this



**NEWS** IN BRIEF

### You will obey at **Street Music Day**

A DALEK is set to make a special appearance at this year's Herne Bay Street Music Day which takes place on Saturday June 14.

Hosting the event will be Capital Gold DJ Russ Lowe and their will be music from Tanglefoot, Chris Taylor's Allstars and Belgian act Follia.

Other musicians and dancers will also be performing at various venues in the centre of the town.

### **Beach volleyball** plan supported

PLANS for an international standard beach volleyball court have won the approval of the city council.

The idea has come from Canterbury High School which wants to convert two old grass tennis courts to provide a facility for players to take part in volleyball

The proposals also include two new floodlit tennis courts. Kent County Council will make the final decision.

### Strawberry fair in supermarket

STRAWBERRIES grown at Chartham Farm near Canterbury go on sale at Sainsbury's from today (Wednesday).

The store said they are choosing to carry as much local produce as possible in a bid to cut down on food miles.

A spokesman added: "Kentish straw-berries are always delicious and we expect these to be extremely possible with shoppers looking for quality food items."

### **Playtime** in the desert schools

A WHITSTABLE theatre group has been performing in the Gulf state of Oman.

The Playtime Theatre Company toured schools in the desert country and put on performances aimed at children aged between five and 11-years old.

Now the group hopes to perform in China and South America.

# Pigs hope to keep it all in the family with new home

BY **GARETH ARNOLD** 

AFTER a pet with a difference? A Herne Bay mum is looking for a loving home for her friendly family of pigs.

Jane Stanley, of Ashburn Gardens, Herne Bay, has had the four porkers for 11 years, but with the imminent birth of her second son, she feels she can no longer give them the attention they deserve. Now she is looking to give the small herd away to a keen recipient who can devote more time to them.

She said: "I used to be able to spend much more time with them, but for the last few months it's been a case of throwing some food and water over the fence, and I think they need more conversation.

"They are all about medium dog size, nothing exotic like Vietnamese pot bellies or anything.



LOVE ME: One of the porkers which needs to move

They all have their own personalities and they're a friendly bunch.

Eleven-year-old Ethel, and Kushdi, Jamie and Abigail all aged 9, live on a farm in Pean Hill between Whitstable and Canterbury.

The pigs eat just £20 worth of sownuts – grain-based feed pellets – a month, getting

through eight scoops every other day.

For the past decade they have been part of the Stanley family, even joining the Christmas

Day celebrations.

Mrs Stanley said: "It'll take someone quite mad to take them on. It needs a certain type of person. You really get out what you put in though. In the summer we go and have picnics with them, and on Christmas Day I take a hamper of food out to them."

Mrs Stanley rents an acre-and-a-half of land for £50 a month, but says the owner would be happy for it to accommodate other animals too as long as the rent is paid.

She said: "They've been quite spoilt really with their acre and a half of land. But the farmer is great, and if someone wanted to keep chickens or goats there too I'm sure he would be happy with it."

The new owner can move them somewhere else or take over the rent on the field.

If you are interested in taking care of them, contact Mrs Stanley on 01227 360790.



John Frewin

**Opticians** 

# RISE AND RISE OF

A RECREATION of moments from 70s comedy classic The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin will form part of the Whitstable Biennale, a festival which celebrates the town's increasing importance as a centre for the arts.

The sea, beach huts, the streets and even trains will feature in an ambi-

tious and adventurous programme which runs from June 21 to July 6. It will also include works sited in various parts of the town with one-off

performances taking place each weekend.

These include films starring Peter Cushing such as Star Wars and Hammer horror classics involving an audience and a hypnotist, a symphony played by ice cream vans, a cabaret and a pub quiz with no right or wrong answers.

Scenes from the BBC Reginald Perrin series – which featured a harassed middle aged executive who faked his death on a beach before inventing various bizarre schemes - will be enacted at various spots around the town.

At 2pm on the opening day of the festival it will be launched by the arrival of a boat called the Celeste, which is covered in 60,000 mirror tiles.

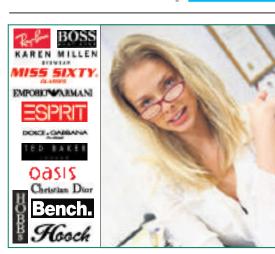
It will be visible from the shoreline and is a tribute to the pirate radio ship

Mi Amigo which broadcast off the shore during the 1960s

A radio station on board will send out sounds across the north Kent coast, mixing local talent with classic sounds from the pirate era.

Among the other features will be a sculpture called The Drowning of Tuvalu, where lime concrete artifacts become submerged by the incoming tide, and a plasticine animation film voiced by Good Life star Richard Briers. A spokesman for the event said: "We have a wide range of artists and their creations on display and many are of international renown

"Whitstable is increasingly becoming known as a place for the arts and we are celebrating that."



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**LEGEND:** Bryan Hawkins. Martin Scorsese and Eddie McMillan in Boston where the director is making Shutter Island

# Lecturers learn from Hollywood legend Scorcese on film set

### BY NICK AMES

TWO lecturers from Christ Church University had a chance to see legendary filmmaker Martin Scorsese in action when they visited the set of his latest movie.

The Taxi Driver director, who recently had a hit with Shine a Light, a concert film featuring the Rolling Stones, is filming thriller Shutter Island near Boston in the USA where Bryan Hawkins and Eddie McMillan were allowed on set.

Due to be released early next year it stars Leonardo DiCaprio as a US marshall on the trail of a women, accused of murdering her children, who is on the run from an asylum for the insane.

Based on a book by Dennis Lehane it will feature flashback sequences set in Dachau concentration camp.

Mr Hawkins said: "It was strange arriving

in Boston and then finding ourselves transported back to Dachau - there was even fake "The visit was arranged by Mr Scorsese's editor Thelma Schoomaker-Powell who is an honorary fellow of the university and we dis-

cussed some future research projects.
"But we also had a chance to meet the director himself. It was very interesting to see how he looked so in control.

"He was at the centre of a vast proincluding actors, technical staff and CGI [computer generated imagery] but he maintained this quiet intensity, just demonstrat-ing how he was in charge.
"The set was an old warehouse just outside

Boston which had been turned into the concentration camp.

"The film had a serious feel to it – and the whole thing was just very intense."

In the book Shutter Island the action takes

place in a hospital for the criminally insane which has many secrets.

Operated by a top secret branch of the US Government it is an experimental facility with a cordoned off area conducting nightmarish research.

The novel ends with a Sixth Sense-style twist by a writer whose other novel Mystic River was filmed to great acclaim but Gone Baby Gone proved controversial because of its similarity with the real life disappearance of Madeleine McCann.

### Morris teams at pub on the green

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The pub, which is sited by the village green, about three miles from Ashford, makes an appropriate setting for this unusual folk custom, and the two sides' contrasting styles will make it an interesting occasion for casual spectators as well as for morris fans

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**NEWS** IN BRIEF

### Star Sinden to shine at special cathedral show

STAR of stage screen and radio Sir Donald Sinden is making a special appearance in Canterbury this evening (Wednesday) as part of a festival of art being held in the cathedral

Entitled Houses of God it is a collection of paintings of famous Christian buildings from around the world.

The exhibition is being staged in the Chapter House and "An evening with Donald Sinden" which starts at 7.30pm is one of the

Born in Plymouth in 1923 Sir Donald is one of the best-known veteran English actors and is famous for his distinctive voice – which was parodied by cult comedy show Spitting Image.

He starred in 1950s movies The Cruel Sea and Doctor in the House before achieving national fame in a comedy entitled Two's Company in which he played a butler opposite

Other parts included the role of an antique dealer opposite screen rival Windsor Davies in a show entitled Never the Twain.

### MP to introduce talk on Vatican and Israel

THE relationship between the Vatican and the nation of Israel is the subject of a talk by David Jaeger.

Jaeger represented the Catholic Church during the negotiations in 1993 which saw formal relationships established between the papal authority and the government of Israel.

The talk will take place at the Franciscan International Study Centre in Giles Lane, Canterbury, tomorrow (Thursday) at 7pm.
Julian Brazier MP will be introducing the

Entry for the event is free.

To find out more about the talk, log-on to www.franciscans.ac.uk/Centre/events.html.

### TA wants ex-members for 100th celebrations

ORGANISERS of events to mark the centenary of the Territorial Army are looking to hear from people who served in any of its

They want to compile a database of people who were members of any of the county's regiments to keep them informed about Kentbased TA celebrations.

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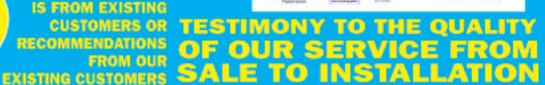








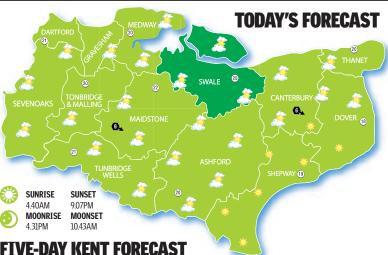




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	Sunday	1:37pm	7.6m
Ramsgate	Saturday	1:24pm	5.1m
	Sunday	2:18pm	5.0m
Sheerness	Saturday	2:26pm	5.7m
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**NEWS** IN BRIEF

### Time to nominate those who make a difference to safety

THE Safer Kent Awards 2008 have been launched by police to pay tribute to people making a difference across the county.

The awards recognise those who have "gone the extra mile" when it comes to community safety work and anyone can make a nomination via the Kent police website www.kentpa.kent.police.uk.

Nominations can be made from people who work in the following fields: police community support officers, special constables, neigh-bourhood watch volunteers and wardens.

Areas of the county are divided up and each has its own award with winners receiving £250 towards a project of their choice

An overall winner is then chosen and given

a £500 donation.

The finals will be held at Leeds Castle in September and last year Emma Patching and Brian Mooney, who work as safer community officers in Luton, Chatham, won first prize.

They were recognised for easing community tensions following cultural problems between Slovakian arrivals and residents.

Ann Barnes, chairman of the Kent Police Authority said: "I really want to encourage people to nominate neighbourhood teams, wardens, specials and neighbourhood watch volunteers for all their help in keeping communities safe.

"In today's day and age people are so quick to judge and never really take a step back and realise that some individuals or groups are making a positive difference to the quality of our lives."

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### **QUESTION** & ANSWER



### Can you tell us a little about yourself.

I'm 26, a happy resident of Whitstable with I'm 26, a happy resident of windstable with my lovely family, and for the past three years I have dedicated the majority of my time to a farm in Canterbury. As a schoolboy I went to Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School in Rochester.

### What are your role and responsibilities in Lounge on the Farm?

As well as booking the bands with Sean, I look after all the press, publicity, marketing and promotion for the festival.

### Now excited are you about this year's event?

I'm very excited - I'm knee-knocking happy with a touch of white knuckles.

### What changes can we expect from last year's festival?

It's going to be a lot like 2007's festival but better. This year we have more music, big-ger tents and beautiful design across the site. We're keeping the things that work – the real ale bar, the kid's area, the solar cinema, but expanding on them to make LOTF the most fantastic weekend of the summer.

### What has Lounge got to offer that other festivals don't?

We're not trying to be like everyone else, which helps. We're not looking for massive

headliners in a sterile, fenced-in environment. You can find that pretty much anywhere in the UK any weekend from May to September nowadays. We're about our environment. We book bands we want to see and we think will fit the crowds. We pay attention to the little things that make all the difference to your enjoyment of the weekend. We're lucky enough to have found a lovely site, a blossoming local music scene to support and have great links to local producers, suppliers and infrastructure.

### Which bands are you most looking forward to seeing?

A Well, as we hand pick all of them it is pret-ty much every band on the line-up, but I haven't quite managed that seven places at once trick yet, so if I had to pick a top five I'd go – Black Kids, Midfield General, Polar Bear, Pete Molinari and The Onlookers

### The line-up is not yet complete – can you give anything away?

No, but I can confirm that, unfortunately, No, but I can confirm that, unfortunately, rumours circulated in this here publication about performances from Rolf Harris and Cilla Black will not be occuring in 2008, but never say never.

### How difficult is it to organise the festival?

A lot of people balk at the idea of having A lot of people balk at the luca of harms friends round for dinner. So multiply that by 2,500 and you'd be getting close to the

rganisation that goes into it. Wouldn't change it for the world though, it's a labour of love.

### What's your most memorable camping or festival experience?

From LOTF it was either witnessing the best and worst thunderstorm I'd ever seen bang on cue as Alabama 3 closed the main stage last year, else it would be watching a whole site being awoken by some morning opera. Elsewhere, Underworld at Glastonbury.

### Anything you'd like to add?

A In true soapbox style, given a platform – support your local traders, bands and shops this week. It's the future.

See you on the farm.

### LINE UP

Art Brut • Black Kids • Polka Party • Lightspeed Champion • Madam

### Saturday, July 12

Billy Childish • Sonny J • Mystery Jets • Findlay Brown • Kitty, Daisy and Lewis

### Sunday, July 13

The Bees • Shortwave Set • Pete Molinari • Holly Golightly • Ben Mills

The festival organiser talked to **Simon Robinson** about making the Lounge on the Farm weekender at Merton Farm bigger and better every year, as well as a little self-indulgent soapbox preaching



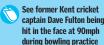




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# Drivers urged to vote no to increased toll

BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

MOTORISTS across the county have been urged to join a protest against a planned 50 per cent price hike in toll charges at the Dartford River Crossing.

The rise in the fee from £1 to £1.50 to enter or leave Kent by the River Thames follows an 18-month public consultation into the future of charging and is expected to be introduced in the autumn.

This is despite the original cost of building the two tunnels under the River Thames and the QE2 Bridge over it having been met in 2002 —with the legal authority to charge a toll expiring in April 2003.

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The toll is being regarded by critics as another stealth tax on motorists. But supporters say drivers will save between 10pm and 6am when crossings will be free.

Gordon Henderson, the Conservative parliamentary candidate for Sittingbourne and Sheppey, wants families in Kent to sign an online petition calling for Prime Minister Gordon Brown to scrap the charge.

### Scandal

He said: "Most motorists in Kent use the Dartford Crossing at some time and many people use it regularly.

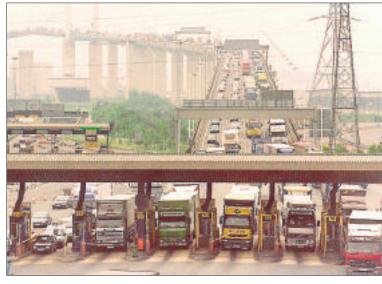
"It is a scandal that although the cost of constructing the crossing was covered years ago, we poor motorists are still being stung for almost £100 million each and every year.

"To propose increasing the cost by 50 per cent is quite simply daylight robbery."

The crossing between Dartford and Thurrock, is operated jointly by Le Crossing Company Ltd and the Department for Transport.

A DfT spokesman said that any suggestion of scrapping the charge would be counterproductive and compromises were already in place.

He said: "We recognise that traffic levels are



**ENOUGH:** The Dartford River Crossing is frequently at a standstill but price rise protesters say putting up the cost of using the tunnels or bridge is not the way to improve the situation and would be a stealth tax on motorists

bad but we are already taking steps to try and reduce the level of congestion through the Dart

Tag scheme and dropping charges at night.
"Our modelling shows that at peak times the bridge and tunnels can be overwhelmed so the fee is intended more as a congestion charge, which is then lifted at quieter times."

The department says that congestion levels would rise if the 'user fee' for the bridge and tunnels was scrapped and is keeping the original £1 charge for those drivers using its prepaid Dart Tag system.

However, the online petition on the No 10 Downing Street website states that removing the toll booths would significantly reduce the

amount of traffic queuing up on either side. It also states that the exhaust fumes generat-

It also states that the exhaust fumes generated by the cars waiting in line causes unnecessary environmental damage and that the delays add extra expense to business and transport costs. The latest demand on drivers comes as the Government is facing mounting pressure over rising fuel costs.

As KOS Media reported last week, nearly 100 truckers from Kent joined a fleet of 500 lorries which converged on Downing Street to protest at the crippling cost of diesel for haulage firms.

Mr Brown has since warned that high oil prices are here to stay, following a meeting with industry bosses last week.

### Police to get more beat time with hand-helds

KENT Police has been chosen as one of 27 forces across the UK to receive funding so it can invest in hand-held computers.

The force will receive £1.9 million in funding to cover the costs of 1,100 portable computers for patrol officers.

portable computers for patrol officers.
A further 150 mobile information devices will be installed into marked police cars. Nationwide the scheme is costing a total of £50 million.

The new devices will allow officers on patrol to access police databases and complete some of their necessary paperwork without having to return to a police station.

Supporters of the scheme say this

Supporters of the scheme say this will allow them to have more time in the front line and some of the equipment has already been trialed successfully across the county.

### On the streets

Assistant Chief Constable Steve Harris said: "Officers have to spend time accessing police database systems and completing paperwork in police stations rather than spending time on our streets where they are most needed.

"While paperwork is a necessity for every force, this initiative will help officers use their time effectively and allow access to database systems whilst remaining a visible presence within the community." Policing Minister Tony McNulty said:

Policing Minister Tony McNulty said: "We are investing in new technology to make crime fighting more effective and to save officers' time.

"This £50m capital fund will deliver 10,000 mobile data devices to forces nationwide.

"It is just one element of a range of improvements we are delivering to cut unnecessary bureaucracy, exploit new technologies and enable police officers to spend more time on front line policing."



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# Get into the garden again



**DELPHINIUMS:** Slugs love them so you must act quickly

Professional landscaper Colin Cross gives seasonal gardening advice in this exclusive feature for Yourswale.

NOW is the time to think about plans for your garden this year with regard to planting, patio or

With early morning frosts now gone, you can make plans for the summer in your garden.
If you watched the Chelsea Flower Show on

TV last week you may now have some good

ideas on what you want to do.

It may be that you want to recreate one of the show gardens, or part of it scaled down if you don't have a lot of space.

If you are growing your own plants from seeds in the greenhouse, now is the time to harden off. Your hanging baskets can go out-

side, and any other plants you have produced. Remember to pinch out the side shoots on

your tomato plants.
A light spraying with water on your tomato plants, in the evenings, will aid the fruit set-ting. But do not wet the leaves during the day, as in the heat of the day water can boil on the leaves and damage them.

Also watch out for pests in the greenhouse. As the weather warms up, so the insect population increases.

In the garden slugs and snails make their presence felt at this time of year, especially amongst perennials. Delphiniums are their favourite.

Take steps to eliminate them before too much damage is done. Vaseline can be put round the edge of the container, gravel or put eggshell in front of the plants, or the old favourite – a container filled with beer.



Now is the time to plant the bedding plants that will give a riot of colour all through the summer and well into the autumn.

Prepare the soil by digging over the bed and removing any weeds, then add compost either from your compost bin, or an artificial fertiliser or good farmyard manure.

After planting, water the area frequently until the roots are established.

Dig up, divide and replant early primulas and violas Sow wallflowers in a sunny area then transplant in the autumn, planting them

with bulbs for flowers next spring.

Prune early flowering shrubs such as kerria, weigela and ceaonothus. Trim the flowering stems by up to a third.

Keep the greenhouse cool by using netting or

apply a shading paint such as Pbi Coolglass.

If dry weather continues as we have had in recent years, you should think of using plants that use less water, such as ones with silver foliage and spiky plants like yucca. They will tolerate full sun and dry conditions.

### Survive

It is very easy to get carried away buying lots of plants. I have worked on gardens where people have put in far too many plants for the area and within a short amount of time the plants are battling to survive because they have grown so big.

Vertical spikes of flowers bring a border of

solid, sturdy shapes to life, while cascading plants can soften and knit blocks together.

Hot colours like red and orange plants bring flower borders closer. Pastel colours like light blue, white and yellow make the border appear larger.

Plants that flop on to the grass will make the mowing difficult and will soon cause the gr that is shaded to deteriorate. So plant a little

away back from the edge.
Contact Mr Cross on 01795 472479.

### Caution over possible cure for MRSA bug





THE news that scientists could be on the brink of a cure for MRSA has been broadly welcomed by a hygiene and infection control campaigner.

A research firm based in Brighton is already carrying out human trials on the drug and claimed its discovery could be used in hospital wards to prevent spread of the infection by 2011 and within six

years could cure patients.
But Tony Charlton, whose mother-inlaw was one of 90 patients to die during superbug outbreaks at hospitals in Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells, said: "I was delighted by the news and the possibility it could be used for Clostridium difficile in the future.

"My only reservation is, will it stop peo-ple concentrating on basic hygiene? If something can be cured then people tend to pay less attention to the basics."

Mr Charlton, who has been campaign-

ing tirelessly to raise awareness about superbugs since the untimely death of his "very fit and active" 86-year-old relative, compared the discovery of a cure to the over-reliance on antibiotics.

New cures and treatments are needed now because infections have become

resistant to antibiotics, he said.
MRSA, which killed 134 people in Kent between 2002 and 2006, causes fewer deaths than C diff but can leave people

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### **BREAK TIME**



**GROWTH:** Simon Smith of Harmony Lodge presents a cheque to deputy head teacher Kevin Dickens, accompanied by student Edward Oliver and George Holdstock of Harmony Lodge, Faversham

# Pupils take pains to grow their own

GREEN-fingered pupils are planning to set up their own garden centre as part of their studies.

About 40 students at The Abbey School in Faversham, aged 14 to 19, are taking a NVQ level one horticulture course.

The centre is being part-funded by a grant from Harmony Lodge, a freemasons in Faversham, which has contributed towards the setting up costs.

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Harmony's Simon Smith, a former pupil of the school when it first became co-educational, and George Holdstock, presented a cheque for £500 to Kevin Dickens, deputy headteacher.

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Some facilities are already in place, including two large greenhouses and there is plenty of outdoor space.

Although still in the planning stage, students hope to produce enough plants to sell as a going concern.

The school already has customers who

The school already has customers who visit its 14-19 restaurant on a regular basis and purchase potted plants. Ideas and suggestions for a logo, name

Ideas and suggestions for a logo, name and plans of how the garden centre is to be laid out are still being discussed.

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# Community spirit lifted as balloons take to skies

### BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

A BALLOON race was the innovative idea of a tutor group at Minster College to help raise money for good causes – with the winning entry reaching northwest France.

The Citizenship Community Project held at the school is intended to encourage pupils to design, plan and implement an activity to the benefit of the surrounding area.

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Fifty-four tutor groups, with 28 pupils per group, from the school on the Isle of Sheppey took part, with the whole process beginning in September and students encouraged to draw up a detailed action plan.

By the end of April the activities were launched and judged by Cllr John Morris, in one of his last engagements as the Mayor of Swale.

He chose two Kingsferry tutor groups as joint winners, with a helium balloon race the brainchild of Tracey Reynolds' class.

Balloons were sold for £1 each, with mobile phone numbers attached for those who found them to text in. Sixth-former Chloe Lane, whose winning

Sixth-former Chloe Lane, whose winning balloon sailed across the Channel before landing in a field in Normandy, received a £50 New Look voucher.

Other balloons were found in Sittingbourne, Faversham, Sevenoaks, Rye and Camber Sands.

The other winner was Sharon Wood's group, who created DVDs and leaflets aimed at encouraging the new intake of year eight pupils, presenting it as an 'insider's guide' to the school.

The mayor expressed a strong admiration for the quality of the presentations and



FLYING HIGH: Minster Collge pupils watch in delight as their balloons are let free as part of their Citizenship Community Project which aims to benefit the surrounding area. The winning balloon was found in a field in Normandy

encouraged the students to implement their plan fully by arranging delivery to groups of year eight students. Altogether more than £200 was raised for asthma charity the Joshua Goodwin Foundation.

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SPRING coming to an end: the blue bells are fading in the woods and that other sign of spring has started to disappear, bright yellow

I'm not sure that great yellow slabs of bright yellow in the countryside are natural but they certainly are striking. The ubiquitous oil seed rape plant is everywhere. When I say everywhere I mean everywhere.

The junction 10 roundabout of the M20 is festooned with the stuff. At least it makes a pleasant change from the traffic lights out of order

sign as you slowly make you way round it.

The stuff seems to grow in the most unlikely places: on pavements, on top of bus shelters, in a tramp's ear. At the moment everywhere you look you will see the spindly little stalk with a few yellow splodges at the top.

This has always made me question those scientists when they talk about genetic modified crops not being able to spread into the wild. This stuff would grow on an escalator if given



BEES LOVE IT: But rape pollen produces rubbish honey

half a chance and a drop of water.

A little-known side effect of the stuff is its impact on honey production.

My mother is a beekeeper and the stuff is a

real pain. It is like catnip for bees. They cannot get enough of it. Once they discover a field they will fly for miles for the pollen.

The only problem is that it produces rubbish honey – it crystallizes into a thick glue which doesn't taste too good either.

Most of it has to be thrown away or used as

wallpaper paste until the nice apple blossom

and lavender is in flower

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Then someone told me that it is actually what most of us know as plain vegetable oil and you can buy a swimming pool of it for

Mind you it does make a stunning sight. A few years ago there was a trend for big blue fields full of flax. I think the EU should give out grants not for growing basic food crops but for the pretty colours they produce. We could have fields of chocolate oranges

and acres of red poppies. We could have fields of white poppies like in Afghanistan which makes opium, which is like catnip for humans.

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### **TALK TIME**

### **MARY** RANSOM

The member of **Faversham Mission** Brass spoke about playing the tenor horn and being served a mince pie by former cabinet minister Jonathan Aitken.



### Tell us a little bit about yourself.

I'm 46, have been married to James for 26 years and have a daughter, Bex, who is almost 18. I have been secretary of Faversham Mission Brass for ten years and have played a brass instrument (tenor horn) since I was 14. My husband and daughter also play in the band, so it is something we like to do as a family.

### What first interested you in music?

I have attended Faversham Gospel Mission Church (where the band is based) since I was a child. I lived opposite the church and went to the Sunday school there. My uncle played euphonium in the band so I was pretty much brought up listening to brass band music. It seemed a natural progression to play in the band as well.

### What is the most challenging thing you are facing at the moment?

One of the problems we are experiencing is getting young people interested in playing brass instruments. Many children these days are opting for guitars, as brass instruments are considered 'uncool'. In the north of England where the brass band movement is still flourishing there are many youth brass bands, but even they have seen numbers dropping in recent years

### Where is the most unusual place you have

**performed?**One of our bandsmen works at a Sheppey prison, so we are invited every year to play for their carol service.

In the past we have also played for their harvest services and one year it was decided to hold it in one of the barns rather than the chapel. We had to sit on straw bales with some sheep and pigs for company in a nearby pen! Also, a few Christmases ago I was served my post carol service mince pie by Jonathan Aitken, who was serving time at Her Majesty's pleasure!

### **YOUR LETTERS**



### MP expenses need to be accountable

The letters from Mr Granger and Ms Grootendorst in last Wednesday's edition of Yourswale demonstrates the current disillusion with our

representatives and rulers.
Unfortunately, of course,
politicians per se are no different
from any other group in society from bankers to GPs, from lawyers to sportspersons, from farmers to shop assistants.

Dangle the opportunity and some will succumb to greed and self interest.

The truth is that the apparent lack of scrutiny of MPs' affairs and particularly expenses is rightly fuelling public mistrust. The scandalous suggestion

they should receive a 60 per cent (I believe that is the correct figure) pay increase instead of an expenses allowance, thereby bypassing the requirement to account for expenditure, certainly won't help their image.

The situation with regard to the EU Parliament is even

Our government should be demanding the recent hushed-up report into corruption be published and acted upon, but

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the silence in this respect has been deafening. Could it be a bit too close to home?

We don't need to abolish politicians. We do need to demand that everyone and

everything is not only above board but seen to be so.

EG Egan,



### **Tractors should** stay in the fields

I heartily agree with the blogger about the increased volume of tractors on our already congested

The majority of farmers take unfair advantage of their socalled rights.

A lot of the blame also has to be passed on to Governments who lifted the ban on untaxed farm vehicles on public roads -hence the increase in tractors.

If they are allowed on public roads - and I'm not sure they should be - there should be strict time limits - ie before 7am and after 7pm.

Tractors were designed to work in fields and that is where they should remain.

David Taylor,

### Your donations are always welcome

The Rotary Club of Chatham has shown tangible support for the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association - Forces Help, Kent.

At its meeting on May 21, the

### **EXCLUSIVE KOS MEDIA READER OFFER**

### Open Golf at Royal Birkdale

The Open returns to Royal Birkdale ten years on from Mark O'Meara's victory and the emergence of a young amateur, now the top golfer in Europe, Justin Rose.

Golf's best known names including last year's victor Padraig Harrington\* will descend on Royal Birkdale, one of Britain's finest golf clubs. Having previously hosted two Ryder Cups, the Walker and Curtis Cups, the Women's British Open and, on eight occasions, the Open, Royal Birkdale is the perfect setting for the Open this summer.

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president of Chatham Rotary, Colonel John Nowers, presented a cheque for £2,000 to me to "assist your work in the local area". This is a particularly significant

This is a particularly significant donation to this front line services charity.

Chatham and Maidstone are both large garrisons with longstanding associations with the towns.

Earlier this year both towns conferred the Freedom of their Boroughs on the Royal Engineers based there.

Sizeable numbers of veterans also live there, as well as in Gravesend and Sittinghourne

and Sittingbourne.

During 2007 in Kent SSAFA
caseworkers assisted 779 persons in
need, giving grants totalling
£655,000. Forty-nine of these cases
were in Medway, 73 in Maidstone,
101 in Gravesend and 44 in
Sittingbourne. Together they
accounted for £148,358 of grants.
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The details of cases are kept confidential so it is not possible to identify clients or the assistance they received. The exception to this rule is where a client agrees to publicity so others may become aware of the support available to the service community.

support available.

SSAFA Kent pulls together around £600,000 per year from major fundraising charities to give to those in need.

To deliver help SSAFA Kent has to raise £20,000 per year from the public to meet administrative costs, which average around £50 per case.

We are most appreciative of the donation from Rotary. In recent months cases have become more complex and require greater time commitment.

Fortunately, so far we have had

very few cases in the area directly attributable to deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan.

However, as time passes we expect victims of these conflicts and their families to turn to SSAFA for continuing assistance.

> Suresh Khanna, director of public affairs for SSAFA Kent, from Bredhurst, by email.



## There are still too many potholes

I read in your paper that Kent Highways claims it has repaired one thousand more potholes than it originally estimated this year.

Firstly, I imagine this just means the number of potholes has remained the same given all the wet weather we have experienced over the last two years.

Secondly, most of the potholes that I see as I journey to work through Wye have not been repaired; they have just been marked with highlighter paint.

My question is why the man marking the potholes doesn't fill them in at the same time? Surely this would be more efficient use of taxpayer's money? We drivers are all too aware of the potholes due the back pain we suffer as our cars judder along the roads. We don't need a visual reminder.

D Clarl

### The devil may care but I certainly don't

I started to read the new James Bond book this week which was written to commemorate the centenary of Ian Fleming's birth and I have to say how very disappointed I was with Devil May Care, by Sebastian Faulks.

Sebastian Faulks.

It seems to be a virtual pastiche of the original books and even has lines which are

lifted completely from previous works.

I expected far more when all the publicity stated how the anniversary was going to be celebrated.

But I have to say this is a complete let down

and is not a patch on classics such as Goldfinger, Live and Let Die, and Diamonds are Forever.

Vintage book

for 100th year

Terry Jacobs, by email.





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# All aboard magic bus

# Musicians and specialist acts offer a taste of traditional fare

**ON THE BUS**Monday, June 9
Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells



THREE top performers will be getting on the bus to bring an evening of old-fashioned variety to Kent next week.

ety to Kent next week.
Comedians Harry Hill and Lee Mack
will join magician Paul Zenon and a host
of acts for On The Bus, a show that celebrates the best in live entertainment.

It will help also to raise funds for Zenon's pet project, Wonderbus, which offers great days and evenings out for the elderly.

Wonderbus was inspired by a chance meeting with an old friend at the funeral of Zenon's grandmother.

When he was a child, his grandmother had arranged a trip to the theatre for Zenon and his friends – an event which would ignite his own interest in show business – and Zenon decided it was time to return the favour.

"Television is not geared towards old people, but they deserve it because they're not going out every night," he said. "Being old in this country can be about isolation. Wonderbus is not just about seeing a show, but also meeting the neighbours."

Zenon's screen career began in children's television, which led to him creating his own kids' show Crazy Cottage.

He was a pioneer of street magic, has appeared on numerous television programmes and is a regular guest in Countdown's Dictionary Corner.

Hill was educated at Cranbrook School, Kent, and gained a medical degree before taking a drastic change of direction into comedy.

He has enjoyed a hugely successful career as a stand-up and sketch comedian, having hosted several of his own radio and TV series.

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His hit TV review show, the surreal Harry Hill's TV Burp, recently picked up two BAFTAs.

Mack is also no stranger to trophies, having been part of the BAFTA awardwinning team on ITV's The Sketch Show. His self-penned sitcom Not. Going Out. in v

His self-penned sitcom Not Going Out, in which he stars with Tim Vine and Sally Bretton, has picked up two gongs and his radio series The Lee Mack Show was nominated for a Sony Radio Award.

Completing the line-up will be an assortment of live musicians and specialist acts, in what Zenon described as "a variety show with a modern twist".



**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT:** Paul Zenon will be joined by the comedians Harry Hill and Lee Mack in a traditional variety show in support of Zenon's Wonderbus project for the elderly

"Until fairly recently variety shows had a bit of stigma, but people have discovered that they're not old-fashioned as long as the acts aren't," Zenon said. "Variety is very popular because people can't see it on TV."

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £15.

To book, phone the box office on 01892 530613/532072, or alternatively go to www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk.

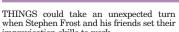


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Sweeney, Steve Steen and Richard Vranch – are veterans of the popular TV improvisation show Whose Line Is It Anyway? and proved a



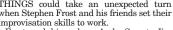
### **BRENDON BURNS** Thursday, June 12 Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury

FOR politically incorrect but insightful comedy, award-winning comedian Brendon Burns should not be missed.

The winner of last year's prestigious if.comedy Award brings his Under Educated European Tour to Canterbury, using his upfront and style of stand-up to explore the realities of life. Described as 'a rare socio-political comic willing to oppose all schools of thought', Burns' material is provocative. He has even been compared to industry greats such as Lenny Bruce, George Carlin, Sam Kinison and Bill Hicks.

He has been storming audiences for six years and is the former host of The Eleven O'Clock Show, which also launched the career of other comedians such as Ricky Gervais and Sacha Baron Cohen. Television viewers will have seen him presenting ITV's show Help I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now

The show starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £13/£11. To book call the box office on 01227 769075 or visit the website at www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk.



improvisation skills to work. Frost and his pals – Andy Smart, Jim huge hit at last year's Canterbury Festival.



Frost has always been a shining light of the alternative comedy scene, appearing as one half of The Oblivion Boys one half of The Oblivion Boys with Mark Arden on Saturday Live during the 80s. The pair regularly appeared on The Young Ones and landed their own TV comedy series, Lazarus and Dingwall. They also starred in the long-run ning series of commercials for Carling Black Label lager.

Frost made a cameo appearance in Blackadder Goes Forth

as an over-enthusiastic head of a firing squad and had a role in the film Mr Bean Rides Again. He is also a popular guest on a number of radio and TV shows and a veteran of the Edinburgh Fringe

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £15. Phone the box office on 01227 787787, or book online at www.marlowetheatre.com.



### Famous faces from folk to play for club night

TWO shining lights of the folk scene will be welcomed to Faversham Folk Club next week.

Dave Pegg, of Fairport Convention and Jethro Tull, and PJ Wright of Little Johnny England will be appearing at the Chimney Boy in Preston Street on Wednesday, June 11.

The gig starts at 8.30pm and tickets cost £7 or £8 for non-members. See

www.favershamfolkclub.net for details.

### Go dotty about great art in the open studios

THE Polka Dot Art Centre in Teynham will be showing exciting works as part of South East Open Studios.

From this Friday to Sunday June 29, visitors will be able to see works by artists including sculptor Colin Barnard and Frances Beaumont, who creates water features using recycled coloured

The gallery is open from Friday to Sunday. For more information call 01795 521167 or see www.polkadotac.co.uk.

### Tour strings together a great selection of music

JOHN Otway and Wild Willy Barrett make a welcome return to Whitstable on Friday.

on Friday.

The two giants of music will be bringing their Strung Together Tour to the Horsebridge Arts and Community Centre in Horsebridge Road. The concert starts at 8pm and tickets cost

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**THOMAS TRUAX** 

Saturday, June 7 Orange St Music Venue, Canterbury

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The singer/songwriter from New York will be playing his witty, well-crafted and often touching songs at Orange Street Music Venue this weekend, demonstrating how he straddles 'the fine line

between unique and insane'.

He creates his distinctive sound using his own home-made instruments, which look like bizarre relics from a fantastical world and have names like the Hornicator and the Stringaling.

Combined with loop pedals, guitars and Truax's imagination, they produce the music which has made him 'one of the best singer/songwriters in the world that you've never heard of'.

Truax produces songs that have both minimal arrangements and more lavish production values.

"I don't have any rules when I'm in the studio," he said. "If a song seems like it wants to sound big, I'll add whatever ingredient I think it needs."

He has acted as support on tours with the Dresden Dolls and Duke Special, to name just two, and his live shows might be the most unusual around.

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# All signed up and not a Belinda in earshot

### BY SIMON ROBINSON

AFTER eight weeks of sporadic additions to the inaugural Hop Farm Festival, the line-up is finally complete.

The last place on the bill - for all you Guess Those Bands addicts out there – was given to Carbon/Silicon, a punk rock quartet boasting former Clash superstar Mick Jones.

Unfortunately, there was no room available for my GTB prediction of Belinda Carlisle. Accordingly, I scored no points. While clearly angered/disappointed that festival organisers overlooked Mrs Carlisle,

famed for worldwide smash hits such as Heaven is a Place on Earth, Circle in the Sand and (We Want) The Same Thing, the line-up is still incredibly strong.

Los Angeles-based indie stars Everest are set to take the stage after Carbon/Silicon, with critically acclaimed soloist Laura Marling set

Guillemots are next up, with revered US singer Rufus Wainwright filling the mid-point

of the one-day event's musical offerings.

My Morning Jacket, Supergrass and Primal Scream will then perform before making way for headliner Neil Young to bring proceedings

Organiser Vince Power said the Hop Farm Festival would be different to mainstream

summer events such as Reading/Leeds and V. He said: "I've been watching the festival market for the last couple of years and I just felt that it was frustrating for the punter that there was such a big emphasis on sponsorship, VIP and upgrading your ticket to get into a special area.





"We did an online survey and the feedback was among young fans that often the person buying the ticket ended up feeling the lowest on the pecking order.

FINALLY: Carbon/Silicon, above, and Guillemots are among the last bands to sign up to the Hop Farm Festival

 ${}^{\circ}\mathrm{I}$  thought it was time to go back to basics and let it be about the punter and the music. I think you will see a change in festivals completely in the next two or three years.

"Bands rely on live performances much more than they did in previous years, the market is changing and I think the bigger bands will have a lot more input into the festivals because it is clear they could do their own festivals if they want to."

The open air Hop Farm Festival takes place

on Sunday, July 6, with gates opening at 11.30am.

Tickets cost £49.50 plus a booking fee. (The Best of Belinda Carlisle Volume One is currently £5.99 online).

For more information on the Paddock Wood one-dayer, visit www.hopfarmfestival.com

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### **Amazing tales will help** father and son bond

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Tather's Day.

The store is selling the book Amazing Tales for Making Men out of Boys by Neil Oliver for £10.

Containing stories from across history, including Rourke's Drift, the battle of Thermopylae and how man landed on the moon, this book should inspire fathers and sons with its accounts of

courage and bravery.
Or for a lighter look at Britain try the Pub Landlord's Book of British Common Sense by Al Murray for £9.

### Dramatic films are sure to grab your attention

HMV in St Margaret's Street, Canterbury, is selling Sydney Lumet's bleak tragedy, Before the Devil Knows You're Dead, for £13.99.

A tale of two brothers who agree to rob their parent's jewellery store, the film features top-notch performances from Philip Seymour Hoffman, Ethan Hawke,

Albert Finney and Marisa Tomei.
The store is also selling The Valley of Elah for £11.99, the tale of a retired army military police sergeant (Tommy Lee Jones) whose son has gone AWOL after returning from a tour of Iraq.

### Shoot 'em up that will leave you in a Haze

GAME in Canterbury High Street is selling the latest PS3 exclusive shooter for £39.99.

Haze is set in the year 2048 and sees the player sign up with Mantel, a private military corporation that supplies its sol-diers with a combination of high-tech assault weaponry and combat boosting

drugs, to crush rebel factions. Featuring lush environments, eye-popping graphics and an innovative multi-player system, Haze pushes the power of the PS3 to the limit

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### **YOUR** TV REVIEW



### BY TOM BETTS

I WANT just one thing in life. Forget the love, happiness and amazing cars that others seem to crave.

And children, wealth and family can

all go on the backburner too.

I want to end my days, to shuffle off This mortal coil, knowing just one thing.
That I departed life with the rules of
Jasper Carrot's teatime quiz,
Goldenballs, firmly planted and
understood in the old brain.
The I'll a for me.

That'll do for me.

Somehow though, I fear that aim will remain unfulfilled.

For here is a quiz show that the combined IQs of Einstein, Newton and Hawking would struggle to figure out. It appears to be good fun and everyone looks to be having a high old time, but I'm still not convinced that

anyone really has a firm grasp of what's actually going on. Host Jasper Carrot seems to be the

only one to have it worked it all out. but then again he did have a top-five hit with a song called Funky Moped, so he is clearly some kind of genius.

REGULAR readers will I know I love

a good cookery show.
I'm not sure why really as, away from the box, I can barely peel a trifle or boil a steak.

But nevertheless, I was as excited as an easily-satisfied movie-goer at a Pirates of the Caribbean premiere when I saw Channel 4 was offering up a new prime-time show concerned with the ways of the oven to grace our Thursday nights.

So imagine my disappointment and utter despair when they served up



MIDAS TOUCH: Jasper Carrot, who is the host of ITVI's teatime guiz show Goldenballs

Come Dine With Me, a show so inept that on the other side Holby Blue started to look like a viable alternative. Yes, it is THAT bad.

Four rubbish cooks take turns to serve each other rubbish food at rubbish dinner parties over rubbish conversation, all tied together with a bad voiceover by some bloke who sounds as bored as I was.

The result for the viewer (who must give up an hour of their life to watch this tripe) is seeing one contestant receive £1,000.

Hardly going to put your kids through college in these times of economic strangulation is it? CDWM is little more than a waste of

airtime between commercial breaks. So take a bit of advice from me, if you can't stand the heat, don't go to the dinner party.

### YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE BY RUSSELL GRANT

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19) THERE'S no point in hiding; Cupid is bound to find you. Warm, magnetic types are especially entranced by your cool demeanour. You could form a partnership that is pure fire and ice. If you're already with a partner, this would be a good time to lavish your mate with an expensive gift. To find out more about what the stars have in

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21) THE security of home and family is vital to your well-being. When you start feeling fearful of the future, ask your loved ones for support. They'll be happy to support you if you falter. Your conservative approach to money could be a real selling point for potential employers.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Taurus 09067-531753

**LEO** (Jul 24-Aug 23) A STRONG urge to bond with friends could prompt you to cut back work in favour of social time. Follow this instinct at all costs. Lately, you've devoted too many hours to work. Your warmth and charm are evident to everyone. Someone you meet could put you on the trail of an excellent position.

. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Leo 09067-531756

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22) AN instinctive under-standing of other people's needs helps you climb the ladder of success. A romantic prospect is also impressed by your mastery, and may ask you for a date. Your mutual passion will be easily ignited by wine, candlelight, and

 To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Scorpio 09067-531759

PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20) IF you are looking for a new home you could find a place that is very near to your employer. A caring relative could give you a valuable lead. Speaking from the heart helps to gain a col-league's trust. If something has been bothering you, go out and voice your concerns.

 $\bullet$  To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Pisces 09067-531763

GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22) YOU'LL be on a high this week, sharing your enthusiasm with everyone. Your optimism triggers generosity at every turn. This is a great time to promote ideas. The sheer force of your personality could prompt people to change opinions. If you could bottle this charm, you'd make a fortune. · To find out more about what the stars have in

**VIRGO** (Aug 24-Sep 23) CAREER opportunities are cropping up. Although a firm offer may not come until next year, it's nice to have this prospect on the horizon. Your ability to assert leadership in a subtle way wins the admiration of your peers. The best authority figures don't have to flaunt their power.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov23-Dec21) A CLOSE relationship may undergo an exciting new phase. Don't be surprised if you start looking at an old friend with a romantic glint in your eye. One thing is certain: Two heads are better than one this week. A glamorous trip could be in the cards.

. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Sagittarius 09067-531760

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20) TAKING up a sport could expand your horizons.
Your intellect is always sharpened by physical activity. Expanding your skill set will make you a much hotter commodity on the work front. An attentive admirer puts a spring in your step. Keep a new romance at the playful stage.

. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Aries 09067-531752

CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23) YOU soak up the atmosphere like a sponge. That's why you need to be very careful about the company you keep. Surrounding yourself with cynics will drag you down. Stick close to the friends who make you laugh. Working behind the scenes could prove rewarding.

To find out more about what the stars have in

LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct23) YOUR political and ethical beliefs play a tremendous role in your relationships, but discussing such ideas can put a real strain on friendships. Happily, that won't be the case week. It's refreshing to talk about important ideas with people you respect.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20) THIS is a wonderful time to launch a fitness program. Re-establishing that mind body connection will help you in other ways, too. All of a sudden, you won't feel the urge to dull your emotions with food and drink. Work off any tension at the gym, then give yourself a reward.

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### ACROSS

1 After short time, head zookeeper with Ezra all confused, had cheese (10)

7 It might be burning in Caithness (4)

**9** Haggard permitted to take glove (8)

10 Sensual redhead getting into waterway (6)
11 I have to try out all possibilities first being thorough (10)

14 Pus-sy? (8)

15 Crowd moving north gradually initially (6)

16 Fellow stiff and cold (6)

18 Rear left has trouble with violent reaction (8)

20 One in France was learned but had not been taught (10)

23 Lady had great mirth without it (6)

24 Wander about getting no end of fruit first from tropical tree (8)

25 Encountered Oriental on boundary (4)

26 Is one an ass to do such drudgery? (10)

### DOWN

2 It is all right to overlook a year inside (4)

3 Lady had Buddhist article (4)

4 Turning lever ie to release (7)

**5** Chattel turned out to be old shoe fastening (7)

**6** Bill, a civic leader to include (7)

7 What emperors have to do – minimum of labour? (4-2-4)

8 Male piggishness? (10)

12 Hurried inside during quite an extraordinary period of

isolation (10)

13 Imprisoned beast had stew (6,4)

**17** Went off for ten years as you might say (7) **18** But mine originated from asphalt (7)

19 Rotter enclosed note on rhythm (7)

21 Stop rowing in front of boat (4) 22 Some feverishness at all times (4)

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### ACROSS

1 Increased fivefold (10)

7 Chilled (4)

9 Marine creature (4-4)

10 Affectedly elegant (2-2-2)

11 Unimportant (10) 14 Surprised expression (4.4)

15 Concealed (6)

16 Catchy rhyme (6)

18 Without noticing (8)

**20** Pale (5-5)

23 Region well above the ground (6)

HARD

24 Albeit (8)

25 Move slowly (4)

26 Scientific test (10)

### DOWN

2 Item (4)

3 Prohibited area (2-2)

4 Kievís country (7)

5 Radical (7)

6 Samson's Philistine mistress (7)

**7** Person (10)

8 Imperilled (10)

12 Treatment with drugs etc. (10)

13 Course taken by aircraft (6,4)

17 Compel (7)

18 Unfasten (7)

19 Accountant (7)

21 Type of lens (4)

22 Melon (4)

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### **ON GENERAL** RELEASE

**WELCOME HOME ROSCOE JENKINS** 



Martin Lawrence is miscast as the wayward son who returns to his dysfunctional clan for his parents' anniversary. This culture clash comedy is anything but unpredictable or entertaining and feels longer than a wet weekend with your worst relatives

### **INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM** OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL (12A)



The most eagerly anticipated film of the summer is a glorious nostalgia trip and delivers adrenalinepumping thrills interspersed with smart one-liners during the action sequences. But the hocus pocus storyline is both gossamer thin and preposterous. Indy's latest outing is half the film it could have been.

### CASSANDRA'S DREAM (12A)



Woody Allen's latest offering is a nightmare, especially for leading men Ewan McGregor and Colin Farrell, who wrestle with hysterically strained London accents, clumsy dialogue, ludicrous plotting and a complete lack of dramatic tension.

# SJP enjoys sex and the cinema

### ■ BY SHEREEN LOW

SINCE Sex And The City ended on UK screens in 2004, the series' leading lady Sarah Jessica Parker has sat in hotel rooms around the world promoting romantic comedies such as The Family Stone and Failure To Launch.

Yet she never imagined that, four years later, she would be discussing the big screen version

"I never thought I would be sitting here talking to you about this movie," reveals the 43-

ing to you about this movie," reveals the 43-year-old, flicking her tousled hair.

Speaking from a New York hotel room the actress, who has a son – five-year-old James Wilkie – with actor husband Matthew Broderick, reveals she had a vital role in organising Sex And The City: The Movie.

"The seeds had been planted for the movie."

Two years ago, in April 2006, I picked up the phone and started putting the pieces back together again," she recalls.
"In the latter part of summer 2006, we got Michael Patrick King, the director and writer,

involved.

"I don't think Michael and I wanted to come back in series form. Our personal lives were different. I have a son who still really likes us and wants us around.

"Now is not the time for me to leave him but a movie is a finite period of time and so, lo and behold, two years later here we are."

And despite playing sex columnist Carrie Bradshaw for six years, Sarah Jessica, admits that she had initial doubts about reprising the

"I always just worry. It's who I am. I always think that I'm going to be fired the first week of any job," she says.
"I didn't think I was going to be fired from this but I thought I was disappointing

Michael. I always think that - it's just the

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way that I function at the top of every job." But it didn't take long for things to get back to the way they were.

"The first scene was seeing Chris [Noth, who plays Bigl waving at him, walking across the street, kissing him, walking into an apart-ment building and all the first scenes of the movie. That was really what we shot first," she

"And for the first few days it was myself and Chris, and then it was Kristin [Davis, who plays Charlotte] and the last day of that week Kim [Cattrall, who plays Samantha] and Cynthia [Nixon, who plays Miranda]

"So by the time it was the four women on Park Avenue on that perfect September day, it was just unforgettable."

The film's storyline has been kept largely

under wraps, allowing for speculation and rumours. But Sarah Jessica says the movie wasn't just a money-making scheme – it was more for the fans.

As for a potential sequel, Sarah Jessica says she's trying not to think too far ahead.



**STUNNING:** Sarah Jessica Parker and her character. Carrie Bradshaw, are known for their bold fashion sense

"Getting to this point has been the sole professional focus of my life for the last two years. So, to think beyond this is greedy," she adds.
"It's not up to us anyway. This has been a

dream. To ask for more is just vulgar.'



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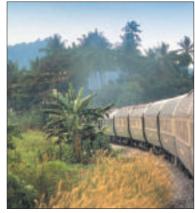
into a dark mysterious landscape.

I woke long before the Asian dawn, partly to relish the experience of watching the full orange moon and the stars beyond my window, and partly to be ready to see daybreak as we journeyed on towards Bangkok.

It does not disappoint. It is not just the strange splendours of the scenery – the brilliant green paddy fields, the water lily-covered ponds, the distant smoky mountains – it's the storks and egrets catching their breakfasts, the water buffalos lumbering into action, the cyclists who wave as they wait at the crossings on their way to work, all the homes on stilts with their loving-ly-tended household shrines.

We are on the inaugural run of a new journey by the Eastern and Oriental Express from the Laos border down to Bangkok, and the excitement has been palpable from the moment the guard waved his flag at Nong Khai station.

The new Eurostar might be all about the



**SOPHISTICATED:** Travel in fine style in the Far East

speed, but here in south-east Asia the whole point is to travel at a more leisurely pace to savour the surroundings. So our train does not hurtle along, it progresses at a stately 40mph and because much of the trip is along a single track there is a certain amount of stopping and waiting in a siding for other trains to pass.

Nor is the journey as physically smooth as with modern Western trains. Travelling in the aftermath of the rainy season, we realise the track is more spongy and hence more bumpy.

By contrast, inside the train everything is lav-

ish and gorgeous: the last-word in luxury is,

after all, what people are paying for.

The interiors, by the same team who worked on sister train the Venice Simplon Orient Express, use wooden marquetry veneers, Chinese and Thai lacquer, Malaysian motifs, wall carvings, engraved mirrors and hand

wall carvings, engraved mirrors and hand-embroidered silks. As well as the sleeping compartments, which come in three styles and sizes – the Pullman, the State and the residential – there are two restaurant cars, a bar car with pianist, and a saloon car with reading area and tiny boutique selling themed trinkets. There are 40 local and European staff to look after the 132 passengers.

Dinner involves everyone dressed to the nines for a feast that combines the flavours of East and West. Entertainment comes in the form of traditional Thai dancers.

While we've been enjoying ourselves our stewards have been transforming the 'day setting' of

ards have been transforming the day setting of our compartments into welcoming bedrooms. In the morning they bring us breakfast and reverse the process before we make our way slowly into the teeming heart of Bangkok. Bangkok was where our journey originally began. This was only the last leg of a trip which included three days in Thailand's capital and three in Loca's capital.

three in Laos's capital.

The two cities make a fascinating contrast: Bangkok bustling, vibrant, proudly monarchist, a riot of colour and noise and round-the-clock activity; Vientiane is softer, sleepier, once French-colonial, now firmly Communist cousin.

The Eastern and Oriental Express offers a quite unique perspective of the Far East in the 21st century.

### FACT FILE: THAILAND

UK +7hrs (same) **Time difference Capital** Bangkok (Vientiane) **Population** 63 million (6.5 million) Currency Thai Baht 64 to £1 approx

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Climate Tropical (Same) Language

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### **PROPERTY** NEWS

### **Check out rental** cost before letting

PROPERTY owners looking to let on a casual basis should be aware of the complexities of entering the rental market

according to experts.

Homeowners who need to relocate but are unable to sell in the property market downturn are increasingly turning to

the rental market for a solution.

According to the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors' latest survey of members, 28 per cent more reported a rise in new tenant lettings than a fall.

However, John Heron, managing director of market analysts Paragon, said would-be landlords risk being caught out by a number of costs they

have not been taken into account.

They also need to be aware of the leg-

For example, if the property is mort-gaged, the lender's approval will be needed for a change of tenure.

The rent set should take into account

void periods and repairs; it is standard practice for a lender to insist that rent is at least 125 per cent of monthly mort-gage repayments.

Also tax implications need to be fully understood as authorities are clamping down on landlords who are not making full and accurate declarations.

### **Committee wants VAT cut on repairs**

A PROPOSAL to cut VAT on property repair and maintenance has been put forward by the influential House of Commons Community and Local Government Select Committee.

Members said such action would allow

landlords to carry out repairs they may otherwise have not been able to fund.

The report said that the tax rate means that some properties which are just about habitable could become derelict because of a lack of incentive to undertake improvements

by landlords.

It adds that any financial assistance would help to bring such homes back into the mainstream housing market.

The proposal will go before MPs for a full vote but the majority are believed to be in favour of a cut which could reduce

the 17.5 per cent rate to just five.

Brian Berry of the Federation of
Master Builders supports the move.

He said: "The high rate of VAT on

building repair acts as a disincentive for landlords to maintain their properties

# New roof? No worry, say intrepid buyers

BY NICK AMES

PROPERTIES in need of renovation are proving popular with buyers looking for a bargain in the current housing climate.

More than half the people who took part in a recent survey by lenders said they would be inter-ested in buying a home and working to get it into

The research also revealed that period properties are more popular than modern homes – even if they need work done on them.

Across the county period homes in places such as Canterbury, Faversham Rochester and coastal towns have been among the most popular on the

Buyers say they like the fact that the homes have character and by renovating they can easily put their own vision into place – something far more difficult to achieve in a purpose-built modern home on an estate or development.

Features such as inglenook fireplaces and original beams were among the most popular features which appear in home built in previous decades. But the major reason is buyers are willing to

undertake work on home improvements them-selves in an effort to avoid paying top prices for

desirable homes.

A total of 52 per cent of respondents to the national survey by Yorkshire Bank said they would consider the idea of acquiring an older property in need of some work.

This is despite the fact that 42 per cent of those who took part agreeing that an older home is a "financial gamble".

Gary Lumby, the bank's head of retail, said: "During the property boom of recent years homes in need of repair typically attracted property developers with their eye on turning a profit.

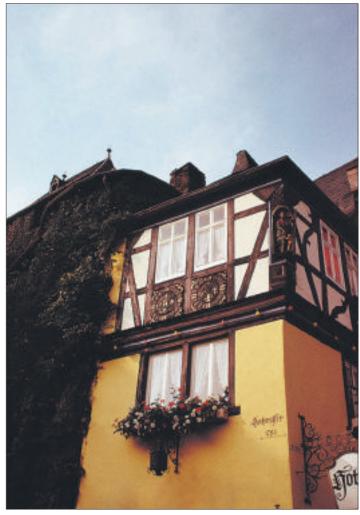
"However, in the current climate it seems house buyers are also on the lookout for a bargain and will take on relatively major renovation work, such as replacing a roof or rewiring, if it helps them to secure their dream home for a more

them to secure their dream nome for a more affordable price."

The survey found 57 per cent of men would not be deterred in taking on DIY tasks whereas the figure for women was 49 per cent.

But young professionals bucked the trend towards period homes with 69 per cent saying that words words are not surveyed by the professionals bucked the trend towards period homes with 69 per cent saying that

a ready-made home needing no work was top of



LASTING APPEAL: Period properties have never lost their desirablity and are more popular than new homes

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TAKE ME OUT
Fun, flirty female, nearly 30, petite
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CANTERBURY TALE Single mum of 2, 32, WLTM some ontigre mum of 2, 32, WLTM some-one kind, caring and considerate, for nights in/out and cinema. Ryan from Whitstable, please call again, leave contact details! Box 406670

TUN-LOVING
attractive female, 31, 54", size 12,
dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTM intelligent, professional,
attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734

GENUINE

GENUINE single mum of 1, 31, 5'3", slim, dark hair/dark eyes, enjoys quiet pubs, restaurants, countryside, dancing, clay modelling, seeks warm-hearted, romantic, tall man for LTR. Box 321809 

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I'LL BE SEEING YOU I'm a social, caring and sensual woman, 33, who enjoys having fun, conversation, arts, music and eating out, seeking a like-minded, upbeat man. Box 899177 

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Are you the one? I'm 33, single, 5ft2, pure country lass from farmit background, seeking my lovely country man to make me forever happy. Box 892265 
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Single, kind, caring animal lover, 34, from Kent, likes cooking, cinema, theatre, most music, seeks non-smoking male 34-38 for LTR. Box 440782

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SUPER BIKE CHICK
Slim lady, 31, 519, shoulder length dark hair, hazel eyes, loves having fun and meeting new people, likes music, pubs, socialising with friends, keeping lift Box 435131 90

ALL IN GOOD TIME

Tall, black, pretty female, 31, new to the Chatham area, loves watching football, shopping, travel; seeking tall, white, loving male 34-47 for LTR. Box 437778

ARE YOU MR RIGHT?
Single Mum, 30, 5ft2, short brown hair, petite, loves pubs, clubs, eating out, nights in, seeking Mr Right for friendship, maybe more. Box 437895

32yr old woman, 5ft9, brown hair, curvy figure. I enjoy having fun and a laugh, and WLTM nice, kind gent. Box 439402 ①

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UNDER THE BOARDWALK
Black female, 32, 5ft8, likes cooking, reading, going out, WLTM a nice man 34-50, down2earth and fun to be with, to find out more. Box 43858 
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Single Mum, 32, cuddly larger lady, 5ft8, dark brown hair, seeking some one to have fun, a dance, some drinks, meals and more with. Box 438941 TAKE ME OUT

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Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes enablished.

Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666 **①** 



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Cute, single mum of 4, 38yrs old,
Kent based, into most things, look
ing for friendship or possibly
romance. Box 897983 •

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sim, loves socialising, good fun and
chatly, WLTM similar male for fun
and laughter, maybe leading to LTR.
Box 372899 **● ANIMAL LOVER? ANIMAL LOVER? Nurse**, 37ys. 2 kids, 5ft8, blonde
hair, blue eyes, likes the gym, cooking, swimming, salsa dancing, looking for a kind, carling, loyal male Box
431557 **● YOUNG-AT-HEAT Attractive** 38yr old female, dark

YOUNG-AT-HEART Attractive 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friend-ship/relationship. Box 901893 • • MAKE ME LAUGH

Lonely, bored, professional
Tunbridge Wells Asian lady, 40,
WLTM slim, single, solvent, professional white male 40-50 for company, fun, love and laughter. Box
440304

GET IT TOGETHER GET IT TOGETHER
Kind, caring, spiritual lady, 39, 5'4",
average build, hazel puppy-dog
eyes, brown hair, looking for genuine, honest guy, non-smoker,
friendship first. Box 899694 • •

LIFE IS LAUGHTER
Professional 41yr old female, 5'9",
dark hair, blue eyes, single mum,
happy-go-lucky, into sports, looking
for professional, tall male, for laugh

TRY NEW THINGS
Mum of 1, 1m 51N4, blonde hair, slim, young looking, 3dyrs old. 1m caring, nonest, with a GSOH. like keep-fli, cinema, dancing, days out. Box 431539 0 0 R U THE 17 Unique, tunny, young-looking female, 34, 5113, brown hair/eyes, Tonbridge, Seeks caring, loyal male for friendship, leading to more. Box 433107 0 0 HERE TO BE YOURS
Single Mum, 35, own place, loves 420077 **0** ter and happiness. Box 43
MAYBE I'M AMAZED Young-looking/acting curvy woman, 41, looking for someone special, for nights out/in. Hopefully leading to HERE TO BE YOURS
Single Mum, 35, own place, loves
animals, nights in, very down/Zearth,
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nights out/in. Hopefully leading to something amazing and long term. Box 746/78 € € ETS CUDDLE TOGETHER I'm a single mum with 3 children, 42, auburn hair, blue eyes, 4ft10, lonely and seeking that special person to share my life with. Box 891738 €

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Deal-based lady, 43, divorced, brunette, green eyes, 5ft10, likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 430384 

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MY MATE, MARMITE!
Niki, 44, I'm like marmite you will
love or hate me. Cuddly, outgoing,
female, looking to be captured with
laughter, are you brave enough?
Box 894205 \*\*

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MOVING ON FROM FRIENDSHIP

Hill I'm 45, 5ft6, largish build, blue eyes, non-smoker/driver, mother of two (daughter 10/son 15), seeking male to share life with, walks, beaches and more.Canterbury. Box

ALL THIS AND MORE ALL THIS ARD MOTE.
Attractive female, 45, slim-medium build, 5ft5, big brown eyes, brown hair, caring, loving, honest, seeking LTR with an honest, caring male to enjoy life with. Box 439367 SANDY SEEKS DANNY Slim, petite Sandy, 46, brown hair,

Silm, petite Sandy, 46, brown nair, green eyes, no ties, loves socialis-ing, eating out etc, GSOH, seeking trustworthy, honest man for partner-ship and mutual affection. Box 440100 **①** 

DON'T PASS ME BY Friendly, bubbly, fun-loving woman, 45, 5'4', GSOH, enjoys socialising, pubs, music, eating infout, own home/car, smoker, looking for hon-est man 44-55, who enjoys life. Box 823411 @ ON A PLATE

ON A PLATE
Caring, honest 46yr old female, 5'2",
eyes of blue, redhead. Likes cinema, theatre, walking. WLTM male
for fun and friendship. Box 895928

BOWL A MAIDSTONE OVER! BOWL A MAIDSTONE OVER!
Kind, loving female, 44, blonde,
5'4', medium/curvy build, likes reading, live music, countryside, walks,
seeks similar, adventurous male for happy limes together. Kent. Box 805846 @
HAPPY GO LUCKY
Sincere, happy woman, with GSOH. I'm 5fl6, with short brown hair, brown eyes. I have lots of interests and WLTM similar guy. Box 895019 @

FUN AT LONG LAST FUN AT LONG LAST
Happy go lucky, honest, loving
female, 47, enjoy going out, stayin
in, love my dogs and animals, seel
fun loving chap for friendship and

more. Box 892112 () LET'S TAKE A RIDE Hi, I'm Laura, 47, friendly, honest, love motor-biking, WLTM gentlema interested in bikes, walks, holidays. the countryside, museums, castles, and perhaps love! Box 440397 ① REPLY by Gext You can choose to text the member's 6-digit box number followed by a space, then your message (max of 160 characters) and send to 82250 e.g. 654321 Hi my name is... Normal network rates apply to send LOVE CANNOT BE BOUGHT

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49yr old bubbly, voluptuous and very warm-hearted, tactile woman, looking for that special someone to share cuddles, romantic evening in/out and possible relationship.

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Young-looking, slim, attractive
female, 48, fun-loving & outgoing,
N/S, GSOH, love music, holidays,
going out & staying in, seeks simila
man, 42-50. Aylesford. Box 428833

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Professional female 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly char 48-55. Hastings Box 417100 •



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\$3, fit and healthy, single now for nine years and can't find the right man! If you enjoy sports and live music let's chall Box 923309 ⊕ ⊕

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Hello, I'm 54, 5tfb, size 12-14, a nurse, enjoy long walks, seeking a man to put some walks, seeking a man to put some walks, seeking a THIS HEART IS

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Easygoing female, 62, nights in and out, drama, social drinks, seeks ince, honest man for friendship and A WHOLE NEW WORLD
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to share the good times with. Box
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Tall, handsome, blue-eyed professional male, 40, fit, hard-working, reliable, caring and genuine, searching for a lady, for fun, hopefully more. Box 83989 ⊕ PICTURE THIS
Nice guy, 40, enjoys life, having fun, going out, staying in, loves motorsports, looking for a nice lady, to spend time with/more. Snodland Box 422688 ⊕ PIRING BACK LOVE
HIN NICK, 41, 5111, enjoy cinema,

Separated, honest male, 39, enjoys most things, bowling, cinema, eating in/out, seeks female to share good times with. Kent Box 809687

BROWSE and listen line: 0906 753 3093 **HELP** required with service? 0871 220 9205

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Sarina, 49, 5ff8, medium build, blonde, green eyss, I like cineral, drinks, beach walks, countryside, drinks, beach walks, countryside, or lasting love and happiness. Box 892450 **W**JUST IMAGINE

Petite, brunette, bubbly, frien drinksyonic men, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTM genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 833562 **W** 

to see where life takes us! Box 893562 **①** LOTS OF LOVE TO GIVE

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EVERYTHING
36yr old genuine male, like fishing, swimming, meals out, looking for a caring, spontaneous person to share fun times out and possibly LTR. Maidstone Box 440914 

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MEN'S SPOTLIGHT

REAL MAN
Honest, kind, caring male, 37,
blond, 6ft, enjoys walks, cinema,
nights in/out, family life, WLTM liken
in/det, genuine female. Sarah,
please call again, leave contact
detailst Box 3/2040 @ @
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I'm Stuarl, 36, 6ft6, short dark hair,
stocky build, love squash, badminton, swimming, the gym, theafre, seeking a fun-loving, nice lady
for loyally and love. Box 437/106 @
COME MEET MY ROCKY
Independent male, 38, slim, 5ft8,

FIRST CONTACT

Hi I'm Nick, 41, 5ft11, enjoy cinema, eating out, golf, WLTM similar brown-haired female for good times and lots of fun, perhaps love. Box

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LET'S MAKE LOVE
Attractive mixed race male, 41, 5°10°, likes chatting, good company. Looking for a friendly female under 44, who lives in Swale or Medway boroughs. Box 892436 

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Divorced male, 41, 5ft11, medium
build, blue eyes, loves bowling, cinema, swimming, keeping fit, seekin
LTR with a fun, happy lady - looks
unimportant. Box 438293 
LET'S GET TOGETHER!

Outgoing fun guy, 43, little bit crazy, always up for a laugh, enjoys good food and drink, seeking female to find love with. Box 892756 **① ②** 

MEN 5 SPULIGHT
28yr old positive male, 6ft, GSOH, into most hings in life, WITM female, 22-30, for nights outlin, chats, friendship, maybe more. Box 901375 ⊕ QF FILENDSHIP 8, MORE? Educated, tall, 61\*, professional male, dark hair, brown eyes and athletic build. Enjoys socialising at bars and restaurants. Looking to make friends/more. Box 905374
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Kind, caring, loyal, honest male, 44,
5ft8, blue eyes, athletic build,
GSOH, likes most things, seeks
lovely female for friendship and
more. Box 892300

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BIG DEAL IN DEAL Warm, tactile male, 42, 6ft, likes socialising, pubs, clubs, cosy nights in, seeks like minded female, for friendship, leading to more. Box

friendship, leading to more. I 388967 **1** I'LL BE YOUR MIRROR PLL BE YOUR MIRROR Slim, nice-looking male, 44, smoker loves psychedelic 60s music, cine-ma and a quiet drink, seeks fair, caring hippyish female, 30-45, for friendship and loving times.Folkestone. Box 367907 

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46yr old young at heart gent, 6ft, large build, easygoing, caring, love a laugh, enjoy amateur dramatics, seeking similar female for cosy pichts in Post 440917.

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Sincere, down-to-earth male, 47,
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IN YOUR EYES
Blond, blue-eyed male, 46, 5ft8,
enjoys socialising, cinema, live
alone in Ashford, looking for a great
lady for fun, friendship and more.
Box 421684 

OPEN ARMS
Stocky, well-built, fun-loving man,

BE HERE NOW!
Tony, 48, 5ft7, medium build, likes wining/dining, music, walks, movies and nights in, looking for someone romantic to share my life with hopefully. Box 430219 

WALK WITH ME

49y/o, fit, hard working, adventur-ous, non smoker, likes nights out and cosy nights in. WLTM a lady to share love, fun times and more with Box 440759 

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buy/o, nice and honest man who loves sport. WLTM a nice, attractive woman who likes to have a good time for a steady relationship. Box 440717

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A GREAT CATCH
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Young 56yr old gent, 5ft10, nonsmoker, medium build, keen motorcycle enthusiast, enjoy music, sport,
POL seeking outgoing open-minded
lady 45-57 for potential LTR... Box
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lady 45-57 for potential LTR... Box 440838 **©**LOVE IS...
Easygoing single dad, 58°, slim, dark hair/dark eyes, Scorpio, GSOH, likes films, soaps, music, dancing, meals in/out, beaches, WITM slim, attractive, easygoing female, Gillingham. Box 801323 **©**ADVENTUROUS
Tactile, friendly 53yr old male, 6ft, likes coast, countryside, good food and wine, seeks fun female, 40-58, or friendshiplove. Box 703583 **©**THAT CERTAIN FEMALE
HI I'M 57, good looking and fit &

THAT CERTAIN FEMALE
Hi 'm 57, good looking and fit &
healthy, 6ft2, confident, hard-working, 1 daughter (21), enjoy music,
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times with you. Box 440668 €
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young-at-heart and very active, you
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COME ON OVER
60/yrs young, handsome male, 6ft.,
athietic, loves keeping fit, cricket,
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seeking lady to see winst happens!
Gian (Hastings) call again, leave
contact details! Box 438361 €
WORD FOR WORD
Loving male 59, 6ft, likes sports,
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### Women in the driving seat with F G Barnes

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It includes practical instruction on personal awareness and self-protection (pictured), basic car maintenance and selfhelp, plus advice on reducing the risks women face when driving, including other drivers' road rage -87 per cent of drivers have been a road rage victim at least once, according to an RAC Foundation survey.

Those interested in attending the course at the F G Barnes showrooms in Sutton Road, Park Wood, Maidstone, should phone 01622 755 531 or apply at www.fgbarnes.co.uk.



## Baby Peugeot is UK's eco-favourite

PEUGEOT'S 107 city car is the UK's best-selling low-emissions vehicle and the newly refreshed Urban Move version was the key to its success.

Available as a three or five-door car, the Urban Move (from £8,295) comes with air con, rev counter, driver and passenger airbags, electric power steering and radio/CD player with MP3 connectivity and metallic paint, plus the 107's four-star Euro NCAP safety rating. The three-cylinder 1.0-litre petrol engine produces just 109 g/km of CO2 – qualifying for £35/year road tax.



### Kia delivers more Soul

CONCEPT cars are often emasculated before production.

Not so Kia's eye-catching Soul, due on sale here early next year.

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The spirit or 'soul' of the original concept has been retained by the version that will hit the streets and, incidentally carry over the original name – and pun on the Korean capital.

The 'urban mini-SUV lookalike' should be a significant model in another way; a potential cult star delivering street cred as well as Kia's keen pricing and sevenveer warranties.



POWER: The 300C looks like a car you wouldn't want to mess with, but with a starting price of just £27,495 you'll most likely be happy to snap one up to cruise around in

# Muscular Chrysler offer is even harder to refuse

CHRYSLER'S retro-styled 300C looks like a Mafia muscle car and has been making big car buyers an offer they can't refuse for the past three years.

This became more difficult with a facelift for '08 and no compromise on bargain pricing.

Also popularly known as the "poor man's Bentley", the big saloon and its spin-off Touring (estate) variant has been a big success for Chrysler, creating a halo around Chrysler group dealerships that used to be generated largely by the Jeep 4x4 brand.

In truth, the car's handling is off the pace, though Chrysler continually denies that erstwhile partner Mercedes-Benz donated the chassis from the previous generation E-Class.

chassis from the previous generation E-Class. But who really cares when the car looks so imposing and cruises so comfortably? With the optional Bentley grille, the 300C also looks like it should cost two or three times what it does – from £27,495 for the best-selling diesel entry model tested here.

And there's also a new diesel flagship (from

# ROAD TEST CHRYSLER 300C

### ■ BY **STEVE LOADER**

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Driving appeal	***
Image	****
Space	****
Value	****
Running costs	***
Reliability	****
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£32,495) featuring styling accoutrements on the 6.1-litre V8 Hemi SRT-8 (£40,995), marrying eye-catching 'SRT-Design' body kit and alloys with the 300C's relatively economical yet powerful Mercedes 3.0-litre V6 diesel unit.

Across the range, the exterior re-working has been subtle, with a tweaking of the rear fascia and light clusters plus new boot lid for the saloon, with integrated spoiler and highmounted stop light.

But Chrysler has been busier where it needed to be; the interior has had a more dramatic makeover with a new instrument panel and centre console design, highlighted by satin silver bezels on the clocks and gauges.

Soft touch materials replace some harder surfaces that currently mar many Chrysler group products. Other tweaks include seatmounted airbags in front and side-curtain airbags to the rear for increased driver and passenger safety.

There is also the option of Chrysler group's impressive MyGIG 'infotainment' system, which has MP3 player compatibility, touch screen sat nav and the ability to store some 1,600 songs on an integrated 20GB hard drive.



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TACUMA, SX 1.6, gf56kcu, finished in blue with black cloth interior, blue, 3000 miles, £6995, caffyns chevrolet t wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

#### CHRYSLER

CHRYSLER PT cruiser 2litre limited auto petrol 2004 (54 plate) 35,000 miles, inferno red leather and suede interior air con central locking chrome wheels MOT Til September Tax til August 55995 01227 374023 07949632034 (PRIVATE)

300C. 5.7v8 auto estate, 2007, brilliant gr, 10577 miles, £18950, Martin nes Cars, Kent, 01795426700

NEON, RT 16v, fy02 kxu, front fog lamps, remote central locking, a rear headrests, rear spoiler, full leather, height adjustable seat, electric front megin adjustatile seat, reticutir invindows, electric windows, traction control, radio cassette, cd player, air conditioning, twin air bags, adjustable steering column, abs, power steering, alloy wheels, silver, 57200 miles, E2695, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

#### CITROEN

CITROEN BERLINGO 800, 02 2005, 1.9 d lx side door white elec window white 49.000 miles fsh bulkhead lined £4600, Beaver Commercials, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

CITROEN RELAY 1800, 09 2005, 2.2 hdi lwb hi top white elec window 45.000 miles, £7495, Beaver Commercials, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

C-CROSSER, 2.2 HDi Exclusive 5dr, 2007, 2.2 hdi exclusive 5dr diesel estate, purplish grey, 1000 miles, £20995, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

C1, 1.0i Rhythm 5dr, 2007, 1.0i rhythm 5dr hatch, carlinite grey, 1 miles, £7495, Masters Citroen, Pe 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

C2, 1.4i SX 3dr, 2005, 1.4i sx 3dr hatch, silver, 23500 miles, £5995, Barretts Citroen, canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

C3, 1.4 HDi Desire 5dr, 2005, 1.4 Hdi desire 5dr hatch special edition, black, 36000 miles, £6495, Wilmoths Ashford, Ashford, 01233 640100

#### DAEWOO

DAEWOO nubira 4 door saloon, 06 2000, 1.6 p se mot july 08, 0 miles, £500, Beaver Commercials, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

KALOS, SX 16v 5dr, gn53anv, cloth upholstery, immobiliser, power steering, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, radio, 14" alloys, red, 55000 miles, £3499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

LANOS, 1.4 S Hatchback 3d 1349cc, w583vlm, new mot very clean cheap tax & insurance, green, 33935 miles, £1495.00, DCD Autos, ASHFORD, 01233 642211 (TRADE

TACHMA CDX 1998cc 5 door 2002 abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels central locking alarm driver's airbag electric windows, met blue, 85000 miles, £2495, Northdown Road Motor Company, Margate, 01843 290890 (TRADE)

# DAIHATSU

CHARADE, 1.0 SL 5Dr Hatchback, 0772004, a/con alloy wheels electric windows central locking pas, champagne, 11, 000 miles, £3995, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

COPEN, Activetop 1.3, 08/2008 red leather interior a/con electric windo rear wind deflector front fog lights sports seats, grey metallic, delivery miles miles, £12370, Cheriton Moto House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

GRAND MOVE, v328ohi, immobiliser cloth upholstery, power steering, metallic paintwork, electric front windows, radio, red, 45000 miles £2499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

MATERIA, 08/2008, alloy wheels tinted glass a/con remote c/locking electric windows & much more!!!, dark red mica, delivery miles miles, £10.845, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

SIRION, 1.3 SE Hatchback 5dr Auto, 08/2008, pas remote c/locking electric windows alloy wheels rear parking sensors, black, 1, 000 miles, £10, 145, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

TERIOS, El 5dr, ex03 omg, central TERIOS, El Sdr, ex03 omg, central locking, rear wash/wipe, electric front windows, electric mirrors, radio cassette, twin air bags, power steering, cloth upholstery, alloy wheels, 4x4, greengrey, 24800 miles, 2395, Kings tiglinway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

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CINQUECENTO, m/1994, manua locking manual windows, red, 74, 000 miles, £1195, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

COUPE, 2.0 16v, 1995, red. 72451 miles, £1995, County Car Sales, Do. 01304 242324 (TRADE)

DUCATO, 30 2.2 100 bhp Multi-iet 714182, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, bulkhead, side load door, standard roof, barn doors, low floor, dual passenger seat, adjustable steering column, power steering, traction control, abs, air bag, electric mirrors, electric windows, cd player, white, 39000 miles, £8000, Clearway

IDEA, 1.4 Active 5dr, gl54kww adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, central locking, cloth upholstery, colour coding body, driver airbag, electric windows, head restraints, folding rear seats, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd. insurance group:5, blue, 34500 miles, £3994, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 0844 5762476 (TRADE)

PANDA, Dynamic, 2004, yellow, 32817 niles, £3995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

PUNTO. 1,2 8v Active Hatchback 3dR. POWTO, 1.2 8V ACTIVE HATCHDACK 301 04/2004, electric windows city pas c/locking awaiting picture, grey, 51, 000 miles, £3995, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795

#### FORD

FOCUS C-MAX, Ia06www, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, electric front windows, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, front fog lamps, alloy wheels, panther black, 16975 miles, £8299, AutoPlanet Maidston dstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

FUSION, 1.4 2 5dr, 122886127, abs, rusum, 1.4 z 5dr, 122886127, abs, air bag, kivin air bags, air conditioning, electric front windows, rear wasth/wipe, electric mirrors, moondust silver, 18000 milies, £6499, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

GALAXY 1 9 TD Ghia 5dr [130 PS] oy54oee, silver, 39000 miles, £11750 Lifestyle Ford Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 0844 8446514 (TRADE)

KA. Zetec Climate. 2008. moondust er, 0 miles, £6995, CB Motors Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

MONDEO, 1.8 TDCi Zetec 5dr [6], gl57kfv, diesel, blue, 3000 miles, £17545, SMC Ford Gravesend, Gravesend, 0844 5762452 (TRADE)

RANGER, 4X4 Regular 2.5 Tipper, gl57gyv, white, 11 miles, £14995, Lifestyle Ford Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 0844 8446514

S-MAX. 1.8 TDCi Zetec 5dr [5] (2006) immobiliser auto climate control electric windows, blue, 17112 miles, £16915. Invicta Motors, Ashford. 01233 504400 (TRADE)

TRANSIT, 15 seater minibus, 2001, white, 100000 miles, £5500, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

# HONDA

ACCORD, - 2.2 I-Ctdi Sport 4dr, ACCUMD, - 2.2 Hottl sport 4dr, 421649, honda accord 2.2 Hottl sport 4dr honda honda Tunbridge Wells drake & fletcher black, 2007, 4444 miles, manual, diesel, 4 doors, 1 previous owners, black, £18995, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

CR-V. - 2.0 I-Vtec Sport 5dr. 472649. honda cr-v 2.0 i-vtec sport 5dr honda honda Tunbridge Wells drake & fletcher cosmic grey, 2006, 5840 miles, manual, petrol, 5 doors, 1 previous owners, grey, £13995, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

JAZZ, 1.4 FLSI SE SUIL CVI-7, 1209649, honda jazz 1.4 Fdsi se 5dr cvt-7 honda honda Tunbridge Wells drake & fletcher alabaster silver, 2006, 9301 miles, automatic, petrol, 5 doors, 1 previous owners, silver, £10495 prake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

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ACCENT. 1.6 Cdx. 2002. silver. 25201 miles, £4995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

AMICA, 1.1 Cdx, 2006, aqua tint, 14000 miles, £4995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

COUPE. - 2.0 Siii 3dr Auto. 1104649. COUPE, 2.0 Sill 307 Auto, 1104649, hyundai coupe 2.0 sill 307 auto hyundai hyundai ashford drake & fletcher blue, 2007, 8852 miles, automatic, petrol, 3 doors, 1 previous owners, blue, 213995, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tumbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE) 01233 714848 (TRADE)

GETZ, 1.1 Cdx, 2006, sky blue, 36000 miles, £5995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

130, 2.0 CRDi Premium, 2007, continental silver, 4000 miles, £14495, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622

MATRIX, 1.6 Gsi, 2002, milky silver Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

SANTA FE, 2.2 CRTD CDX 7 Seater 2007, gun metal metallic, 3000 mil £21995, Morris Forshaw, Maidston 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

TUCSON, 2.0 CRTD CDX, 2005, black 3000 miles, £8995, Morris Forshaw laidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

#### ISUZU

RODEO, Denver Max Double Cab, bg56Imf, immobiliser, central locking, adjustable steering column, power steering, abs, metallic paintwork, air conditioning, due in soon, alloy wheels, 4x4, maroon, 10545 miles, £13000, Van Zone Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, (RADE)

#### JAGUAR

X-TYPE, 2.0D SE Saloon 4d 1998cc, X-TYPE, 2.00 SE Saloon 4d 1998cc, 04 2004, speed box, full jaquar service history, odradio, ivory leather trim, electric windows, central locking, power assisted steering, cruise control, electric mirrors conditioning, front and rear heated screens, airbags, abs, front fog lamps, alloys, metallic pacific blue, miles, 51 2959, Westbrook Cars, Canterbury, 10227 710885 (TRADF) 01227 710685 (TRADE)

**XJ V8**, 4.0 soveriegn lwb, 2002, seafrost blue met with catkin leather interior, 71000 miles, £9950, Martin mes Cars, Kent, 01795426700

XJ6. Leather. 1967 "f". jaguar xi6 3.2 full service history, you must come and see this car to beleive just how good it is. gold, 106000 miles, £1995, Courtenay Cars, Charing, Ashford, 01233 714848 (TRADE)

# JEEP

GRAND CHEROKEE, 1997, green. les, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

CARENS, - 2.0 Crdi Lx 5dr, 1217649, CARLENS, - Z.O Crd IX Sdr, 127/649, kia carens 2.0 crd ix Sdr honda honda maidstone drake & fletcher black, 2004, 39000 miles, manual, diesel, 5 doors, black, £4689, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

MAGENTIS, - Le 2.0 A/c, 1216649, kia magentis le 2.0 a/c mazda mazda maidstone drake & fletcher blue, 2003, 23000 miles, manual, petrol, 4 doors, 2 previous owners, blue, 53489, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Matte Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

PICANTO, 1.0 GS Hatchback 5dr 05/2005, central locking electric windows pas was £4495 now £4295, silver, 19, 000 miles, £4295, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

SEDONA, LE 2.9 Tdi, 2006, velvet indigo blue with grey special trim 40000 miles, £9995, IJM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

# LAND ROVER

DEFENDER, 110 TD5 Pick Up, 10892054, power steering, tow p cd player, 4x4, road tax is £210 p vear on this vehicle, blue, 77000 es. £8495. Diesel Ce irst. 01580 890333 (TRADE)

FREELANDER, 2001, blue metalic with grey, 61500 miles, £4495, IJM Moto Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

SERIES 111, afv853n, 4x4, ne and full rebuild, full soft top, 7 seats, defender front end panels. road tax is £185 per year on this vehicle. green, 0 miles, £6695, Diesel Centre, Staplehurst, 01580 890333 (TRADE)

# LEXUS

**GS300**, GS 300 SE, 503461, remote asou, os sou se, susalor, reintue alarm, central locking, full leather, electric seats, electric windows, electric mirrors, 15" alloys, blue, 120000 miles, £3999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

## MAZDA

6, TS D 143, 2006, grey metalic with charcoal, 31000 miles, £10495, IJM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

BONGO, mazda bongo, miles, £, Courtenay Cars, Charing, Ashford

MAZDA3. - 1.6 Ts 5dr 1266649. mazda mazda 3 1.6 ts 5dr mazda mazda ashford drake & fletcher blue, 2006, 7821 miles, manual, petrol, 5 doors, 1 previous owners, blue, £9390, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

MAZDA5, - 1.8 Ts2 5dr, 1278649, mazda mazda 5 1.8 ts2 5dr mazda mazda ashford drake & fletcher silver, 2006, 14340 miles, manual, petrol, 5 doors, 1 previous owners, silver, £10495, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

MAZDA6, - 2.0 Ts 5dr Auto, 1295649, mazda mazda 6 2.0 ts 5dr auto mazda mazda ashford drake & fletcher silver, 2005, 21750 miles, silver, £7995, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

MX-5. - 2.0i 2dr Option Pk. 160649. mazda mx-5 2.0i 2dr option pk mazda mazda maidstone drake & fletcher silver, 2007, 3600 miles, manual petrol, 2 doors, silver, £13489, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

PREMACY, - 1.8 Gsi 5dr, 995649 PHEMALY, - 1.8 Usi 50f, 990549, mazda premacy 1.8 gsi 5dr mazda mazda maidstone drake & fletcher blue, 1999, 43000 miles, manual, petrol, 5 doors, 2 previous owners, blue, £2989, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

RX8, - 4dr [192], 1207649, mazda rx-8 4dr [192] mazda mazda Tunbridge Wells drake & fletcher grey, 2004, 25014 miles, manual, petrol, 4 doors, 1 previous owners, grey, 210495, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

#### MERCEDES-BENZ

230 SPORT KOMPRESSOR, 1998. 230 SPORT ROMPHESSOR, 1998, fantastic car with full ivory leather interior.full sport pack. lilac/blue, 57, 000 miles, £5999.00, Bob Fisher Garage, Ashford, 01303 814131 (TRADE)

A CLASS, A160 Classic 5dr. lt51mge abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, alarm, electric front windows, cd player, red, 5900 miles, £5499, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

C CLASS, C200K Avantgarde 4dr Auto, gl02yzv, silver, 68874 miles, £7999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

VITO, 109 CDI, gk06zjv, remote central VIIO, 109 CUI, gkU62y, remote centre locking, power steering, abs, traction control, electric windows, air bag, cd player, colour coded body, met paintwork, twin sliding doors, 16" alloys, carbon black, 29000 miles, £10000, Clearways Commercials, ks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

MGTF, 1.8 135 16v 2dr, 10/06/2002, grey, 44396 miles, £5300, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

TF, 115 Sports, ao04xgs, electric front windows, radio cassette, air bag, abs, power steering, cloth upholstery, alloy wheels, silver, 15700 miles, £6495, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

COOPER, 1.6 3dr, 13/11/2002, cd player abs driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows yellow, 29672 miles, £7780, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321

ONE. 1.6 3dr. 30/09/2005, cd player abs driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, blue, 20237 miles, £9999, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 01233 504400 (TRADE)

#### MITSURISHI

MITSUBISHI L 200, 09 2006, 2,5 td did 4 life 4x4 pick up air /con 9. miles day cab met blue, £9995 Beaver Commercials, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

COLT. 1.5 DI-D CZ3 3dr. af08dvc 2000 miles, £9694, SMC Mitsu Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 0844 5762476 (TRADE)

GRANDIS, 2.0 D-ID Classic 5dr. new08reg, this is a new vehicle with a saving of over, 25 miles, £15734, SMC Mitsubishi Erith, Erith, 0844 5762449 (TRADE)

LANCER, 1.6 Equippe 4dr, Iv06uh adjustable seats, alloy wheels, central locking, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, power assisted steering, rear headrests. insurance group:9, grey, 27000 miles, £5994, SMC Mit , Sittingbourne, 0844 Sittingbourne, Sittin 5762476 (TRADE)

OUTLANDER, II 2.0 DI-DC Equippe 5dr. gf08sfy, 50 miles, £16994, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 0844 5762476 (TRADE)

SHOGUN, 3.5 gdi 5dr v6 auto, 2003, silver met with black leather, 37000 miles, £9950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE) WARRIOR, Shogun Sport 2.5 TD, 2003, silver, 35840 miles, £9495, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442

#### NISSAN

ALMERA TINO, 1023649 nissan naidstone drake & fletcher silve 2004, 17000 miles, manual, petrol, 5 doors, 1 previous owners, silver, £5689, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells 0845 130 429 (TRADE)

MICRA, Celebration Ltd Edn, 2000, micha, celebration special editions; manual 3 door; green, body coloured bumpers; driver's airbag; folding rear seats; front head restraints; immobiliser; isofix child seat anchor points; cassette radio; pas; fsh; recent service; long mot; low insurance; great condition; green, 20000 miles; 1650; Folkeetone. 29000 miles, £1650, Folkestone, 01303 240796 (PRIVATE)

PRIMERA, sport, 2001, met red wit black with fleck, 66046 miles, £2 County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324

X-TRAIL STATION WAGON. 19/05/2005, cd player abs alarm driver airbag power steering electric windows, red, 62000 miles, £9999, Invicta Motors, Ramsgate, 01843 853555 (TRADE)

#### PEUGEOT

PEUGEOT EXPERT 815, 09 2005, 1.9d 3 saets twin doors 40.000 miles lined aets twin doors 40.000 miles lined et silver, £6795, Beaver mmercials, Ashford, 01233 634763

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# Ref: 00984/K3

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# **Gravesend Grammar School for Girls**



A Specialist Science College

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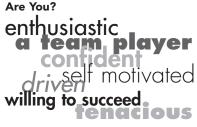
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#### Receptionist/Administrator (12 month fixed-term contract) Salary: £11,599 - £16,199

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# **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

# Exclusive companies enjoy 300-year status

BRITAIN'S oldest brewer, Shepherd Neame, recently hosted the Tercentenarians' annual meeting – a gathering of the handful of British companies more than 300-years old.

Representatives of well-known names including Fortnum and Mason, founded in 1707, hatters James Lock and Co, of St James's, founded in 1676, and the Fleet Street bank Hoare & Co, founded in 1672, had a brewery tour, a tutored tasting and lunch at the Faversham brewery's visitor centre.

ry's visitor centre.

Two Kent companies are in the Tercentenarians — Shepherd Neame, founded in 1698, and R Durtnell & Sons, of Rectory Lane, Brasted, master builders since 1591.

Britain's most exclusive business club was founded in 1970 by Geoffrey Durtnell and Richard Early of bedding firm Early's of Witney, founded in 1669.

# **Business to business**

LAW firm Furley Page is sponsoring B2B '08 – an annual Kent business-to-business event organised by Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce at Ashford International Hotel on June 24.

More than 120 exhibitors are taking part. It features free business seminars, free business advisory sessions throughout the day from the chamber's business support team, free tea and coffee all day, and a networking lunch from noon.

For further information and to book for the networking lunch (£18.50 plus VAT) go to www.kentinvictachamber.co.uk and click on Events Diary.

# Still time to win £10m

PROPERTY entrepreneurs in Kent need to get on their skates as the entry period for the biggest business prize in real estate – a £30 million pot – is drawing to a close.

ing to a close.

The inaugural Bank of Scotland Corporate Search for Property Entrepreneurs closes on June 9.

The initiative will see three up-andcoming property moguls win up to £10 million each to invest in their business.

For more information, and to download a form, visit www.thebossearch.co.uk.

# Forward planning will help when time comes to hand over

IT comes to every business – the time to hand on the baton of power to someone else.

For small and medium size enterprises (SMEs) succession planning should be an evolving process and reviewed on a regular basis, according to Chris Gandon, a partner at a leading Kent accountancy firm.

Mr Gandon, who works at Horwath Clark Whitehill, which has offices in Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells, says that knowing when to pass on the baton or sell on a business is never an easy judgment.

He said: However, planning should take place well in advance of the end game.

of the end game.
"When things are going well and
the company is at its peak, it may
seem ludicrous to start thinking
about when to stop.

"But succession planning is a healthy exercise for any firm to undertake and should be seen as worthwhile as any formally thought-out aspect of the business."

It allows a business to focus on long-term goals and strategies and gives it direction.

If you wait too long, you will be leaving your business exposed with under-prepared management and the possibility of high capital gains tax (CGT) and inher-

# ■ BY **TONY PATEY**

itance tax IHT) liabilities. By taking expert advice at the right time, and treating a plan as not set in stone, the end result should allow many options.

These include building up the value of the business; creating personal wealth and ensuring the company is correctly structured to mitigate against CGT and IHT and take advantage of other allowances or grants.

Whatever the business-owner's

Whatever the business-owner's motivation is for looking to exit, they should be able to build up a nest egg through a combination of personal investments and pension plans.

One area that can be a particularly good option, especially for family-run or owned companies, is a Small Self-Administered Scheme.

This allows you to invest some or all your funds in property, shares or deposit accounts instead of paying pension premiums to an insurance company.

So whether it's the end of the beginning or the beginning of the end, it's never too early to think about where and what lies beyond.

about where and what lies beyond.

To find out more contact Mr Gandon on 01622 767676, or email chris.gandon@horwath.



**SUCCESSION:** Chris Gandon, of Horwath Clark Whitehall, an accountancy firm with offices in Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells, warns businesses that planning is crucial

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# **Court suffer first** defeat of season

GORE Court 2nd XI were bowled out for a disappointing 83 as they lost to Lordswood by 66 runs at the weekend.

The Medway-based side scored an average 149-9 from their allotted 50 overs, but Court never got going and were eventually bowled out 66 short of the winning total.

It was the Sittingbourne side's first defeat of the season and they remain mid-table in the Kent League Premier

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# Lewis on fire as Bapchild take Macknade apart

A DEVASTATING spell of 5-17 from Matt Lewis helped Bapchild skittle Macknade out for 70 and win the battle of the local rivals.

The Bapchild seam bowler claimed five wickets from his 12 overs, conceding just 17 runs in the process as Macknade were all out within 39 overs.

Only Danny Haxton (18) and James Juniper (17) made it into double figures as the Bapchild bowlers applied the squeeze, taking wickets at regular intervals. Macknade were without captain Lee Rigden as they were reduced to 13-3 and then lost their last four wickets for just five runs as they struggled against some accurate bowling.

Ian Marsh (2-13), Alan Hampton (1-8)

# CRICKET

BY GLENN PEARSON

and Barry Wood (1-23) all ably support-

ed Lewis as Bapchild took charge. In reply, Bapchild lost opener Adam Larking to the second ball of the innings. and were reduced to 12-2 when Ben Fulton was bowled by Phil Rowcroft. Lincoln Bryden (16) and Hampton

stemmed the tide but Jamie Rigden claimed the wickets of Bryden and Ricky Dale (2) to leave the game in the balance. However, captain John Heatley joined

Hampton at the wicket as they put on an unbroken stand of 32 to see their



HARD WORK: Bapchild lost five wickets despite only having to score 71 to win

### **KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FIVE**

Macknade CC - 1st XI v Bapchild CC - 1st XI

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tal (all out , 38.	.2 overs	)		70	Total (4 wickets, 2	U.3 OVE	ers)		71
wlers					Bowlers				
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att Lewis	12	5	17	5	Phil Rowcroft	5	0	12	1
urry Wood	15	6	23	1	Jamie Rigden	8	3	19	2
n Marsh	8.2	4	13	2	Chris Streetfiel	153		21	0
an Hampton	5	2	8	ī	Darryl Cook	2	ñ	12	0

# **LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP**

# **KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR**

Rodmersham CC - 1st XI v Old Brockleians CC - 1st XI

OLD Brockleians opening batsman Stuart Semple denied Rodmersham victory on Saturday as his unbeaten 95 prevented the home team claiming the last two wickets for maximum points. Rodmersham set a competitive 208-9 at Bottles Lane with opener Dave Cogger scoring 40 and youngster Marc Bond 53. Several Rodmersham batters started without going on and in the end they were thankful to Bond and Cogger's partnership and erratic Brockleians bowling, which saw them give away 31 extras. Sandeep Rodrigo and Dylan Emmett bowled well for Rodmersham without success, but Darren Nokes (3-55) and Nazoomi Azhar (2-38) gave the home side a sniff of victory. However, Semple's unbeaten 95 kept Old Brockleians in the hunt.

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Dave Cogger	ct Ca	rr b Barnes		40
Marc Bond				
Neil Hodkinson				
Sandeep Rodrigo				
Lee Jackson				
Dylan Emmett				
Nazoomi Azhar	b Barı	nes		3
Darren Nokes	not ou	ıt		9
Jack Bayford	b Will	iams		6
Boswell Thompson	not or	ıt		2
Extras (12b 6lb 10w 3nb)				31
Total (9 wickets, 50 overs)				20
Bowlers	0	М	R	w
Mark Williams	15	3	50	2
Andy Cripps	12	2	40	í
Jake Reeves	3	0	25	0
Devon Carr	10	1	32	1
Olly Barnes	10	i	43	4
Old Brockleians				Run
Stuart Semple	not or	ıt		
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Paul Reeves				
Olly Barnes				
Greg Mclean				
Jake Reeves				
Sam Gardiner				
Mark Williams				
Andy Cripps				
Devon Carr	JO JOIL	t hat		4
Extras (13b 2lb 7w 3nb) 25		n udt		
Total (8 wickets, 50 overs)				18
Bowlers				
	0	M	R	W
Sandeep Rodrigo	10	2	31	0
Dylan Emmett	9	4	15	1
Darren Nokes	12	1	55	3
Nazoomi Azhar				
Nazoomi Aznar	13	1	38	2

# **KENT LEAGUE DIVISION THREE**

Catford Wanderers CC - 1st XI v Upchurch CC - 1st XI

UPCHURCH bowled Catford Wanderers out for a paltry 50 to win by a convincing eight wickets within just 17 overs on

Saturday. Andy Holmwood took 4-12 from his nine overs, while Kevin Collis took 3-18 including Bradley Rose for 17 who scored 92 against Minster last weekend. Daniel Parker also claimed two wickets as Catford limped to 50 all out after 28 overs. Upchurch lost openers Dean Headley and Jim Philips after having both scored three, but Lee Taylor (25 not out) and Michael Hales junior (12 not out) saw their team home with more than 33 overs to spare.

Catford Wande	rers			Run
Darren Phillips	c &b	Holmwood		0
Elmer Browne	lbw b	Parker		3
David Marshall	b Holi	mwood		0
Remi Chea	b Par	ker		2
Bradley Rose	ct Hal	es inr b Col	lis	17
Larry Surajit				
Hinesh Kalian				
Harry (Sivan) Harindi				
R Thavendren	not ou	ıt		2
S (Kalai) Kalaiamuth	anc & b	Collis		0
Jason Walker	ct Be	wick b Collis		1
Extras	(3b 6	w)		9
Total	(all or	it, 28.1 over	s)	50
Bowlers				
	0	M	R	W
Daniel Parker	6	ï	10	2
Andy Holmwood	9	2	12	4

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Unahawah				
Upchurch				Runs
Dean Headley				
Jim Phillips	lbw b	Surajit		3
Lee Taylor	not οι	ıt		25
Michael Hales Jnr	not οι	rt		12
Daniel Parker	did no	t bat		0
Warren Little	did no	t bat		0
Kevin Collis	did no	t bat		0
Michael Hales	did no	t bat		0
Tim Mullis	did no	t bat		0
Sam Bewick	did no	t bat		0
Andy Holmwood	did no	t bat		0
Extras (1b 7w 1nb) 9				
Total	(2 wid	kets, 16.4 o	vers)	52
Bowlers				
	0	M	R	W
Larry Surajit	8.4	4	25	2

# **KENT FEEDER LEAGUE 1C**

Street End CC - 1st XI v Sheppey CC - 1st XI

SHEPPEY were thoroughly beaten by 103 runs at Street End, after their bowlers conceded 302 runs from 46 overs. Kevin Hopper hit an excellent 116 and was well supported by Rafie Stone (44) and Steve Rumbelow (40), as Sheppey were unable to come to terms with a strong Street End

Opening bowler Jannie Conradie took three wickets for the islanders, but his nine overs cost 74 runs, while Joe Sands went for more than eight an over

Sheppey had a real try at the run chase but ended up 199 all out with 3.1 overs to spare.

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Glenn Fagg				
Aaron Walker				
Kevin Barnes				
Jannie Conradie				
Bobby Cunningham	ct St	one b Anders	on	23
Glen Hammond				
Adam Manning				
Joe Sands	b Sar	narasinghe .		1
Paul Martin	ct Ar	iderson b Mea	ars	31
Paul Butler	not o	ut		7
Extras (10b 2lb 27w 4nb) 43				
Total ( all out , 42.5 overs) .				100
Total ( all out ) 12.3 oversy .				
Bowlers				
DOWICIS	0	M	R	W
Jamie Mears	12	3	34	ï
Tom Anderson	7	1	34	2
Will Eaves	5	0	27	2
Sunil Samarasinghe	9	2	27	2

# KENT FEEDER LEAGUE 1A

Yalding CC - 1st XI v Bobbing Court & Lower Halstow 1st XI

BOBBING Court and Lower Halstow overcame Yalding by 35-runs in a low scoring game at the weekend. The newly-formed side scored 135-7 from their 46 overs. Opener Richard Gower was top scorer with 32 before he became one of three wickets for Yalding seamer Graham Makey. Paul Dennington (29) and Trevor Earl (24 not out) scored runs for Bobbing Court, but the home side did well to restrict them despite dropping eight catches.

The away side fared little better, dropping four catches, but Dennington's 3-25 and Simon Bennett's 2-10 off seven overs ensured Yalding were left stranded on 100-9.

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Gary Ryan				
Daniel Ball				
Adam Haward	lbw b	Emmitt		19
Paul Dennington				
Simon Bennett	ct O'E	Brien b Emmit	t	3
Trevor Earl	not o	ut		24
Clifton Phillips	ct O'E	Brien b Sheph	erd	1
Paul Bacon				
Dominic Soave	did no	ot bat		0
Ian Linsdell	did no	ot bat		0
Extras (5lb 7w) 12				
Total (7 wickets, 46 overs)				135
Bowlers				
	0	M	R	W
James Emmitt	10	2	32	3
Graham Makey	12	6	16	3
Marcos Aimey	7	1	15	0
Anthony Shepherd	9	3	32	1
Andrew Robinson	4	0	16	0
Fergus Carty	4	0	19	0
Yalding				
raraning				

Peter Bowles	ct Rya	an b Denning	ton	26
Alistair Ratcliff	c & b	Bennett		0
Callum O'Brien	b Ben	nett		1
Marcos Aimey	ct Ha	ward b Linsd	ell	4
James Emmitt				
Anthony Shepherd				
James Bowles	st Ha	ward b Soave	2	6
John Ryan	b Den	ninaton		3
Graham Makey				
Fergus Carty				
Andrew Robinson				
Extras (2b 8lb 3w 2nb) 15				
Total (9 wickets, 46 overs)				100
Bowlers				
	Λ	M	D	W

# Dowley departs with others set to follow

# **FOOTBALL**

BY GLENN PEARSON

SITTINGBOURNE manager Gary Abbott has moved to solve his striker issues by signing forward Tom Bradbrook from Dartford.

The Brickies boss beat two other clubs to the 20-year-old's signature and the 6ft 3ins striker could be just the man to shoot Sittingbourne

into the play-offs next season.

Abbott said: "He is going to help us out a lot. Dartford wanted him to stay, but they couldn't guarantee him first team football. We can and I am delighted he is coming here.

"I have done my homework on him as a lot of defenders have said he is not a nice player to play against. He wins his headers and is someone who can get in behind which is what

we really need."

Bradbrook joined the Darts from local football in the summer of 2007 as part of the club's under-21 squad, but impressive performances during early pre-season trials saw him included in the first-team squad where he went on to help Dartford secure the Ryman North title.
While one player arrives at Bourne Park,

three players look set to move on.

Captain Joe Dowley has signed for Ryman Premier League side Ramsgate, leaving the Brickies with a problem at left back.

Striker Bradley Spice and Lee Spiller have been offered a pre-season trial



ON THE MOVE: Sittingbourne's captain Joe Dowley has left the club to join Ryman Premier League side Ramsgate

Conference South side Welling United, as has Ryan Johnson.

The midfielder has also been offered a

chance to train pre-season with Ryman Premier side Tonbridge Angels and Abbott is resigned to the fact that his better players are likely to be heading away from the club. He said: "I am gutted to lose Joe to be honest

because you always know what you are going

to get with him, but I am not in a position to do anything about any of them going.
"They are not on contract, they were our

players last year, but there is nothing I can do to keep them.

"I am not a groveller – that's not me, I wish them the best of luck. It is just another challenge and I will get on with it and put together another good squad next season."

**UPBEAT:** Kent skipper Key is banking on home support

# CRICKET

# Key seeks revenge against Somerset

KENT Spitfires take on Justin Langer's Somerset Sabres in the quarter-final of the Friends Provident Trophy this afternoon.

Rob Key's side are just two games away from another showpiece final after topping the South/East division courtesy of five

straight wins in the competition.

Their reward for finishing top is a home tie at the St Lawrence Ground against a team that beat Kent by the narrow margin of 20runs a week ago in the county championship.

Key is looking for revenge and hopes his side's good form in the competition will help them earn a semi-final spot.

He said: "It's fantastic to get a home draw. We are playing very well in the Friends Provident Trophy, but will have to be at our

very best against a tough Somerset side."
Sky Sports will also be making an appearance at what should be a full house. For live updates from the St Lawrence Ground visit www.yourswale.co.uk.

 FORMER Kent captain David Fulton has released a video of the incident in which a ball almost blinded him after finding its way past the grill of his helmet.

Fulton was batting in the nets in Canterbury in 2003 when a 90mph ball from a bowling machine hit his right eye,

leaving him with partial vision.

The video, posted on the Professional Cricketers' Association website, shows Fulton practicing the pull shot, but a ball was fed into the machine before he looked up and bounced up between the grill and peak

of his Kent helmet.

The 36-year-old had to undergo major surery and miraculously was back leading Kent eight weeks later.

Fulton decided to release the video five

years after the incident to warn players about the importance of taking out insurance. The PCA will pay 25,000 for a player under-21 who suffers permanent disablement and £20,000 for a player over the

age of 34.
To see the video visit www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

# Weighting game pays off for Byrne's Ducati

# **SUPERBIKES**

DESPITE a weekend dominated by unseasonal weather and an unexpected rule change threatening to eliminate Airwaves Ducati, Shane Byrne extended his lead in the British Superbike Championship with a double victory at Donington Park.

Just four days before the fourth meeting of the season, championship organisers Motorsport Vision Racing, decided to imple-ment a rule change directly affect-ing two-cylinder Ducati bikes.

The minimum weight limit was changed from 165kg to 175kg which left the Sheppey rider in limbo as to whether they would be allowed to race.

However, after a number of discussions, amendments were made and Airwaves Ducati were

given the green light to race.

Byrne dominated race one leading all but the opening two laps, coming home two-and-a-half seconds in front of Honda's Leon Haslam.

Race two provided more alice and

Race two proved more difficult for Byrne, who had a poor get-away from the line and was left fighting for fourth place. Having caught the leading pack, Byrne



**DOUBLE:** Shakey recorded two more wins

overtook the two Hondas to take the lead on lap 18 before taking the chequered flag. A delighted Byrne said: "I knew

A dengited bythe said. I knew the Ducati would suit the circuit and with the team working as well as it has been over the week-end, I am so pleased to have got another double win for the team.

"Race one was great, I got a good start and was in front for most of the race, but it still felt great to take that first win."

Byrne will be back in action on June 15 for the next round of the championship at Snetterton.

# Win tickets to see Kent defend Twenty20 title

# COMPETITION

IN only five weeks time, the Twenty20 Cup smashes its way in to the sporting calendar and you could be there to see the action.

KOS Media has teamed up with Twenty20 Cup official partner, npower, to offer three lucky readers the chance to win a pair of tickets to see last year's winners Kent play their home games in June.

The games are:

- Kent v Sussex Wednesday, June 11 at Canterbury
- v Hampshire Saturday, June 14 at Canterbury Kent v Middlesex – Friday,
- June 20 at Beckenham
- Kent v Essex Sunday, June 22 at Beckenham Kent v Surrey Wednesday, June 25 at Canterbury.

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